

number at 98 concerning an area of 937½ acres. The grand total of all the leases executed last year on the Kendraparah Canal is therefore, 1,101 in number, for 3,181 acres 6 goonts 1 biswas.

6. For easy and speedy execution of the leases, I think the Company's Mohurirs should have power to measure the lands to be included in the leases, and the measurement may subsequently be checked by superior Officers of the Company. The sale of water by volume is the most convenient mode of distributing water, but the annual leases and the single crop leases necessitate the sale by area. It is therefore, of the greatest importance for the Company to have irrigation field maps, which can be prepared with the aid of the Revenue Survey maps and the village Bhowrias.

7. It is very gratifying that the parties mentioned by Mr. Taylor who were dissatisfied last year on account of the failure on the part of the Company to water their crops, which died off in consequence, have again taken out leases. Their water rates of the last year have not been taken, and Mr. Boothby has given them suitable compensations.

8. The distributaries of the Kendraparah Canal, which has gone down as far as Poobhuns, are at present in length as follows:—

Distributaries.			Miles.
No. 1	...	...	10
" 2	...	...	2½
" 3	...	...	3
" 4	...	...	4
" 5	...	...	4½
" 6	...	...	8
" 8	...	...	9
" 10	...	...	1½

The 7th and 9th distributaries have not yet been undertaken. The only distributary of the High Level Canal, which has been opened, is the distributary No. 1, it has gone down about eight miles. Three or four more distributaries will be made ready in a short time. However, water can be given from the Main Canal, which now extends a little beyond Korai, whenever it is wanted. But the people on the High Level Canal are less prepared to take water than those on the Kendraparah Canal, the reason of which is to be found in the fact that the latter have been longer under instructions, have seen more distributaries, whose water is in itself a great temptation to them; and have seen some experiments made before their eyes. I think the one set of cultivators is at least an year in advance of the other, in respect to irrigation.

9. While the other works of the Company had to be slackened during the rains, the second lock of the Kendraparah Canal, which is at Barburia, has made a very rapid progress. I think within a fortnight hence the gates will be put on, and boats will be able to pass up to Kendoopatna, the place of the third Lock.

10. Since none of the leases executed in 1866 came to hand till June, I devoted the entire period, from the date of my joining office on the 8th April to the end of May, only to assist Mr. Taylor in inducing the people to make use of the water provided for irrigation.

11. From different stations I inspected the Company's works; visited the principal villages, by or through which the canal and the distributaries pass; and held conferences with most of the head ryots and talsildars of their zemindars, who were not to be seen in the Mofussil. The people everywhere expressed their gratitude to the Company for having saved them from the evils of drought and flood, and their willingness to take water whenever rain failed, and for such dry season crops as brinjals, &c., which they have now to grow by baling water at a greater cost, or cannot grow for want of water. But nowhere did I find a man that would enter into annual leases for two crops on the same ground, or single crop leases for growing an additional paddy crop on the same ground, or any other new crop on the paddy fields, as they did not know what benefits could be derived therefrom. In short, the people generally seemed not to believe in the utility of irrigation water for growing an additional, *i. e.*, a new crop on the same ground, excepting waste lands, which could of course be thereby brought under cultivation; neither did they appear to entertain any hopes of improving the quality or quantity of their crops by irrigation. Our endeavours, therefore, as it seemed to me at the time, bore but little fruit. One good result, however, was for the first time then established. The people then came to know from us the exact relation which exists between the Company and the Government. And this knowledge, I have reasons to believe, led them to consider more seriously than before, the question of the water provided for irrigation, the effects of which I hope will soon appear.

12. The cultivators are ready to use the water, if they see they can make any benefits from it. But no experiments have yet been made to convince them of their erroneous notions, and they do not choose to make any themselves, as they are sure it must fail. Their past experience on the contrary supports their opinion. The failure of the Company's model farm, and of the last year's crop, is a sad precedent with them. The cause of the failure of the farm, as I have understood, was mismanagement on the part of the Company's Officer, whom it was entrusted with. He proceeded with the cultivation, regardless of the nature of the soil, season and seed; and it is no wonder the consequence would be a disappointment. And

the ryots, too anxious to grow a Dalooa crop last year, when rice was so dear, took no care to sow good seed on suitable soil, or on soil properly manured, they likewise failed, excepting in a few cases, in which the people of Barburia and Modhiokuch met with a partial success.

13. The people of Barburia *alias* Mahantishahy, and next to them, those of Modhiokuch, living near the second Lock of the Canal, where they must have met with several Officers of the Company, who no doubt frequently gave them instructions in the use of the water for irrigation, have now been able to raise a sarad paddy crop on the bealee fields, after harvesting the bealee: one Bhobnee Soonyee, of the first named village, is said to have cut *three* paddy crops on the same Bealee field in the same year: one Dalooa, another, a Bealee; and then the third, a Sarad crop. None, however, of even these people have yet attempted to raise any additional crop on the sarad paddy grounds, either not believing they can produce any other crop, or they fear any other crop would interfere with the growing of sarad paddy, which is the principal production of their labor. At Barburia there is now not a *gout* of land, formerly waste, that has not been brought under cultivation by means of irrigation water; so that the first step, irrigation has taken, is towards the increase of the area of cultivated land in an estate, and yet the Zemindars do not wake up to their duties to irrigation!

14. While such is the faith of the ryots in irrigation in its full extent, that of the Zemindars is worse. Their greater intelligence has not enabled them to understand irrigation in a better light. On the contrary, more tenacious of old customs, and old customs have practically more force on them, with no knowledge of agriculture, they throw ice water on its object, so far as respects the principal parts of it, namely, the growing of an additional crop on the same ground, and the improvement of the quality and quantity of a crop. Their apathy and indifference remarkable as they are, might be construed into an actually secret opposition to irrigation. We sent for several of them, but scarcely one of any repute, came to hear what we had to say. Those who came were only the Tesildars, who promised to write to their principals on the subject, but never came back with any answer. But, however, I have yet found no reasons to believe that any one of them prevents his ryots to take water, when he wishes to do so. Most of the ryots are unnecessarily in dread of their Zemindars in the matter, and do not dare take water without previously taking their consent, which the Zemindars of course withhold, not only not believing that the same ground will produce another crop, which will pay the cultivators, but also fearing that, if any short crop be raised on the same field, it will have the only effect of reducing the quantity of the crop now being produced on it, and that their ryots consequently will be in a worse position to pay their rents, while on the High Level Canal in last September, some of the ryots, who had been sent for, first saw their Tesildar before coming to me, and they appeared less disposed to listen to my instructions, than others that came direct.

15. In such a state of things, it is certainly very desirable that some successful experiments should be made. By this however, I do not mean that irrigation will not spread without such experiments. All that I mean is that those experiments will immensely accelerate the progress of irrigation, while left to itself, it will increase but gradually. The water will of course tempt the ryots to use it, and they must do it by small quantities: one successful cultivation shall be followed by another, till the whole country be under irrigation. But this process will take much longer time. Mr. Boothby's plan will, I hope, compensate for the absence of experiments. He has proposed to offer bonuses to a few ryots of different localities, who will grow two crops of paddy on the same ground in the year. He will carry out his proposal in March next. The ryots, to get the bonuses, must grow the crops under instructions of the Company's Officers, must richly manure the seed bed, sow it about the middle of April, and transplant the young plants, when about *eight* inches high, in June, as soon as the Monsoon sets in. This crop may be cut with certainty in November, to be followed by another similarly cultivated crop in December, which may be cut in May, thus saving two months' time for ploughing and drying the fields, which cannot be had under the broad-cast system. The produce under the transplanting method, is sure to be very much greater than according to the other mode. I think the above scheme of Mr. Boothby is quite sound, only, I am not quite sure whether the very low lands will have *sufficient* drying before the second transplantation takes place, to destroy the roots of the previous crop, so essential to the growth of another. Of this I shall be able to give exact information in my next report, after actual inspection of the fields in December next. If there remains any water on them at the time, then this circumstance and the superior quality of the Jhils should be considerations enough to induce the Company to keep them clear of water in November, by efficient drainage.

16. The annual leases are the best, both for the Company's and the ryots' interests. The latter instead of growing single crops at Rupees 3, can, more profitably to themselves, grow for Rupees 2, in addition two crops of paddy under the transplanting method, the first one will be very much more in value than the present sarad, under the broad-cast mode; or they can grow the first irrigated crop of paddy, and raise any of the following crops according to the nature of the soil, namely, Mandooa, Kallye, Bagun, Moong, China, Wheat, Barley, Indian corn, Tesheer, Cotton, Dalooa, &c. Annual leases will save to the ryots a Rupee per annum per acre.

17. But I think that instead of two paddy crops, it will be better for the ryots to grow the first irrigated sarud paddy, and some such crop as *Nulajya*, *Teshree*, which can be easily grown on most, if not all, of the Sarud as well as the Bealee fields, and is more valuable than paddy.

18. Whichever two crops the ryots may grow, they must give up their present mode of broad-casting, and alter the season for sowing the seed bed in adoption of the transplanting method, which must prevail in due time. The prospect of an additional paddy or other crop; the improvement in the quantity of the sarud paddy, which will also be safe from the effects of drought, or partial failure of rain, and from the evils of the October Gale, must, I believe, induce every cultivator to enter into annual leases in time. The October Gale, which is very frequent in Bengal and Orissa, injures the crops while in flowers. But an irrigated paddy will be nearly mature when that Gale happens, so that the crop cannot be injured by it.

19. The comparative advantages of cultivation, under the transplanting method over that under the broad-cast plan, is graphically described by Mr. Boothby in the following terms:—

“The difference of the two systems or methods may be compared to the difference between nursing and feeding a young child with every care and attention, and turning another child out of doors to feed itself.

20. It is very desirable to have precise and definite answers with regard to the following points in irrigation here; namely, (1.) Lands suitable for different crops. (2.) Method of preparation of the land. (3.) Manure when and how to be given. (4.) Time to be allowed to elapse, between each crop, method of ploughing and preparing the land. (5.) The particular sort of rice that is suitable for irrigated crop. (6.) The time of sowing in seed bed, and how to be planted, tended and manured. (7.) Age at which the same should be transplanted. (8.) The advantages of broad cast and transplanted crops. (9.) The quantity of water and number of floodings to be given before ploughing, the period to elapse between ploughing and sowing. (10.) The quantity of water in depth to be given to each crop after transplanted and sown. (11.) The number of floodings to be given to each crop, in order to bring it to maturity, and the intervals between each. (12.) The different crops that can be raised with success by irrigation, and the seasons for planting each. (13.) The probable outturn of each crop, the cost of seed, manure and labour. Answers to such questions would be an invaluable guide in pushing on the cultivation of irrigated crops, but in the present infant state of irrigation here, all of them cannot be obtained, as I have found by trial. In the few cases of partially successful cultivation of paddy, brinjals, &c., in the last year, it is impossible to ascertain the exact outturn. Any answers now would therefore, be at best, but a mere guess work, which may be correct or fallacious. By the time of my next report, I think I shall be able to make an estimate of the advantages of an irrigated Sarud paddy, under the transplanting method, by enquiries in regard to the luxuriant crop prepared by the Teligu, Wata Swamy at Loknathpore.

21. There is a general cry against the rate of annual leases, as too high, and its uniformity for all lands of different capabilities, as unfair. But as I understand the complaint is not based on a real understanding of the benefits of artificial irrigation, water and manure will render the lands, of present comparatively less power equally fertile with the best lands, and that the produce of an irrigated crop is nearly double of a non-irrigated crop.

22. In conclusion, I beg to inform you that, in addition to my present main duty, the collection of water rates, I have continued, and will continue, to devote as much time as I can allow, in consistency with the current office work, to inducing the people to make the best use they can of the water provided for them.

From G. W. BOOTHBY, Esq., Agent and Manager, East India Irrigation and Canal Company, to W. MACPHERSON, Esq., Collector of Cuttack,—(No. 226, dated Cuttack, the 16th November 1867.)

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 629, with the documents specified therein; also extract from the Deputy Collector's Irrigation Report, No. 41 of 1st instant.

2. The Company's Superintendent of Irrigation, Mr. C. Roberts, will forward to the Deputy Collector at intervals of ten days, all the leases that are taken. In reply to the remarks in paragraph 4, I beg to observe that where the Company fail to give the water, all claim for water rate is at an end, and of course such sums should at once be struck off as unrealizable.

3. With reference to the Deputy Collector's remarks as to the spread of irrigation, I beg to hand you the copy of letters marginally specified, together with copies of the directions to ryots in English and in Ooria, the latter being now in course of distribution. And it might be well to forward these when received, to Commissioner, as shewing the efforts being made to instruct the agriculturists in the use of irrigation.

Irrigation letter No. 10, dated 19th October 1867, from Agent and Manager, to Baboo Woonachurn Haldar, Deputy Collector, with questions and answers.

Extract from letter from Agent and Manager, to J. P. H. Walker, Esq., Irrigation, No. 47.

From G. W. BOOTHBY, Esq., Agent and Manager, East Indian Irrigation and Canal Company, to BABOO WOOMA CHUN HALDAR, Deputy Collector, Irrigation Department,—(dated Cuttack, the 19th October 1867.)

I HAVE to thank you for your communication of the 2nd instant, No. 35, and have now the pleasure to send you the enclosed paper containing your queries and my answers.

2. You will perceive that the only questions on which, in my opinion, the ryots require information, are Nos. 6, 7, and 8. To these I have given a full reply, and if you would have the goodness to put my answers into Ooryah, I will have the information sent to the Irrigation Overseers to be circulated amongst the most influential ryots.

3. And I would call your attention to my remarks on the irrigation of cotton, which is a very profitable crop at the present high price of that article, a price which is likely to continue for some time.

4. Closely connected with the subject matter of your letter under reply, is the enclosed copy of correspondence as marginally specified, with Mr. Walker, the Executive Engineer in charge of the High Level Canal. I trust you will afford all the aid you can in carrying into effect the trial we propose to make, and I purpose endeavouring to continue the experiment through next year, and adopting a similar arrangement on the Kendraparah Canal.

Letter, dated 14th October, from Mr. Walker to Mr. Boothby.
Ditto, No. 47, from Mr. Boothby to Mr. Walker, with enclosures.

5. If we can so arrange as to induce an influential ryot on each canal to give a fair trial, beginning with April next, to the cultivation of two transplanted and irrigated crops on the same plot of ground, as described in my answers to your questions 6, 7, and 8, I feel sure that good results must follow. It is useless for the Company to attempt to carry out such a trial by their own servants, and I think that you are the best person to make the arrangements, the Company of course paying all expenses.

1. Land suitable for different crops.

On this point the ryots are best able to judge from local experience, indeed I consider that they are well informed regarding such matters.

2. Method of preparation of the land.

Ditto ditto ditto.

3. Manure when and how to be applied.

Ditto ditto ditto.

4. Time to be allowed to elapse between each crop, method of ploughing and preparing the land.

Ditto ditto ditto.

5. State the particular sort of rice that is suitable for irrigated crop, *i. e.* Dalooa seed not less than one year old.

All descriptions of rice are vastly benefited by irrigation, that is by regular waterings; the plants thus never being allowed to suffer injury from drought. As to which kinds of rice require most water, the ryots themselves are the best judges. Seed grain should never be less, I believe, than one year old, but the ryots need no instruction on this point.

6. State the times for sowing in seed beds and how to be planted, tended and manured.

Seed beds should be prepared early in April, by deep ploughing and plenty of manure, which latter is of the greatest consequence; the sowing should take place by the 15th or 20th April, waterings being regularly given as required.

7. Age at which the same should be transplanted.

The transplanting should take place when the rainy season sets in early in June, by which time the rice plants will be about eight inches high, and if seed beds have been well manured the plants will be very fine and strong.

8. Explain the different advantages of broad-cast and transplanted crops.

The difference of the two systems or methods may be compared to the difference between nursing and feeding a young child with every care and attention, and turning another child out of doors to feed itself. The transplanting method, as shewn above, necessitates from the commencement careful nursing of the seed and of the young plants, which are to be strengthened with plenty of manure, and never to be allowed to languish or become sickly for want of water, which, as every Indian farmer knows, is often the case with the broad-cast seed and plants; a period of dry weather often nearly killing them. Then the transplanted crop

9. Note the quantity of water and number of floodings to be given before ploughing. The period to elapse between ploughing and sowing.

10. The quantity of water in depth to be given to each crop after transplanted and sown.

11. The number of floodings to be given to each crop in order to bring it to maturity, and the intervals between each.

12. Note the different crops that can be raised with success by irrigation, and give the seasons for planting each. Rice of sorts, Bealtee and Dallooa, Cotton, Mandia, China Kullye, Wheat, Baguns, Indian corn, Pumpkins, Sugar-cane.

13. Explain the different advantages of irrigation by acre and by volume, and by occasional floodings.

14. Shew the probable out-turn of each crop, the cost of seed, manure and labor; and shew the probable profits to be gained by each.

gains fully two months' time, the plants being well grown when the rains begin, and by being continuously watered, as required, and never allowed to suffer from dry weather as the broad-cast crop does, the grain may be cut with certainty in November to be followed by another transplanted crop of rice on the same ground in December, which crop will be ready to be cut in May. The yield per acre from rice, thus carefully cultivated, and always well watered when required, has been proved, by repeated experiments made by the Madras Government, to be fully double the yield of a crop under the broad-cast method.

The ryots are quite as well able as any one else to answer questions 9, 10, 11 and 12. They know what crops require water and when to give the water, the difficulty hitherto being that they had no water to give. By a report sent herewith, it will be seen that the yield of cotton trees is trebled by plentiful waterings when the flowers appear.

The simplest and least troublesome method of supplying irrigation water is by volume, that is measuring the water only and not the land. And the full benefits of irrigation can never be obtained until the ryots use it throughout the year.

This must be left to the ryots to determine; every ryot knows that a well watered crop must yield highly and give a good profit.

(Sd) G. W. BOOTHBY;
Agent and Manager.

Extract from letter from G. W. Boothby, Esq., Agent and Manager, East India Irrigation and Canal Company, to J. P. H. Walker, Esq., Executive Engineer, in charge of High Level Canal Irrigation, No. 47, dated 15th October 1867.

I AM in receipt of your letter of yesterday, by which it is satisfactory to find that the Irrigation Overseer, Ramanjiah, exhibits such practical energy, with the view to the spread of irrigation.

2. I have much pleasure in sanctioning the Overseer's proposal "to try an experiment with a Dalooa crop on the High Level Canal." Nor, indeed, is the cultivation of this crop in rotation to the Bealtee to be regarded as an experiment. It is true, as you remark, that efforts in regard to the Dalooa crop on the Kendraparah Canal, were attended with indifferent results, or it might have been said, with utter failure in many cases; but on the other hand there were several instances of complete success. The one result being the consequence of using wholly unfit seed grain which had been gathered in an immature state, only a few months previously, and the other result being the natural consequence of taking the ordinary precautions necessary in agriculture. Moreover, in many cases on the Kendraparah Canal, the Dalooa was tried on very unsuitable soil, in fact on almost pure sand.

3. In regard to the details of the arrangements for the trial, we should, if possible, avoid taking and cultivating a plot of land ourselves; unless, indeed, the Overseer has such complete confidence in his practical knowledge of farming as to ensure success. Otherwise it will be very up-hill work to say nothing of the excessive cost. The laborers he employs will do nothing beyond what they are ordered to do, and not even that unless watched over by Chuprassees, Mohurs, and such like.

4. The better plan by far would be to induce by a sufficiently large bonus, some experienced ryot to set aside one or two of his fields, and to cultivate the crop himself, we paying all expenses. This arrangement would also have the advantage of enlisting on our side all the villagers, whereas if a Teloo goes in to shew them how to cultivate, they would be only well pleased to witness a failure. In all respects it should be made worth the ryots, while to do his utmost to ensure success, and it would be well to select some central and well known village for the experiment. Of course the Dalooa should be sown on land off which the Bealtee crop has been cut this season, in order to prove the feasibility of the production of two full crops of rice; and such land should, if possible, be manured, at all events well ploughed; old roots and weeds being burnt.

5. It is very important in making this trial of the production of two crops of rice in one season from the same land, not to lose sight of the fact, which indeed is very obvious; that to give irrigation a fair trial it should be used not during half the season on one crop; but throughout the season and on both the crops. By this means not only do both crops come to maturity in a shorter period, but the yield is vastly increased, fully doubled in fact. And above all, it should be explained, that it is only by adopting the method of cultivation by seed beds well manured and transplanting, that the full advantages of irrigation can be obtained. For instance, a permanent supply of irrigation water enables the ryot to plough, manure and sow the seed beds six weeks or two months before the rains set in, viz., early in April, so that the seed plants may be sufficiently grown to be ready for transplanting when the monsoon bursts early in June; then throughout the rainy season the growth of the rice is never checked by long intermissions of dry weather, consequently the crop is ready to be harvested in all November, to be followed by another transplanted rice crop in all December, which is ready for the sickle in May: thus two full heavy rice crops are produced from the same ground in the year. And this during many years has been the invariable practice in the Godavery District.

6. The attention of the ryots should also be specially directed to the immense advantages which irrigation gives in cultivating cotton, the yield of which is more than doubled by plentiful watering when the flowers appear. On which subject I append an extract from a report made to the Commissioner of Nagpore, giving the result of an experiment of unusual waterings to a cotton crop by baling from a river. On the Kendraparah Canal the ryots are taking to cotton cultivation extensively, owing to the facilities afforded by irrigation. I append the Kendraparah Overseer's Report just come to hand on this subject, and it will be well to direct your Overseer's attention to this important matter.

Instructions to Ryots how to obtain the greatest advantage in the cultivation of Rice with a permanent supply of irrigation water.

SEED beds should be prepared early in April, by deep ploughing and plenty of manure, which latter is of the greatest consequence; the sowing should take place by the 15th or 20th April, waterings being regularly given as required.

2. The transplanting should take place when the rainy season sets in early in June, by which time the rice plants will be about 8 inches high; and if seed beds have been well manured, the plants will be very fine and strong.

3. The difference of the two systems or methods may be compared to the difference between nursing and feeding a young child with every care and attention, and turning another child out of doors to feed itself. The transplanting method, as shewn above, necessitates from the commencement careful nursing of the seed and of the young plants, which are to be strengthened with plenty of manure and never to be allowed to languish or become sickly for want of water, which, as every Indian farmer knows, is often the case with the broad-cast seed and plants, a period of dry weather often nearly killing them. Then the transplanted crop gains fully two months' time, the plants being well grown when the rains begin; and by being continuously watered, as required, and never allowed to suffer from dry weather as the broad cast crop does; the grain may be cut with certainty in November, to be followed by another transplanted crop of rice on the same ground in December, which crop will be ready to be cut in May. The yield per acre from rice thus carefully cultivated, and always well watered when required, has been proved by repeated experiments made by the Madras Government, to be fully double the yield of a crop under the broad cast method.

Instructions regarding the advantages of irrigating cotton trees.

"THE best cotton in Nagpore is grown upon and in the neighbourhood of the River Wurdah, and of the Wuma, a rivulet running southward into the Wurdah, and the quality deteriorates the further the cultivation withdraws from the influence of the moist soil adjacent to the river bank. I myself tried an experiment upon a field of little more than eight acres, the ploughing and sowing being conducted in the ordinary local fashion; but as soon as the flower made its appearance, I commenced watering every evening, obtaining the water from the river by coolies. Although my field was surrounded by others sowed with the same seed, my plants were nearly as big as currant bushes, produced at least three times the usual quantity of cotton, and the staple was equally fine but considerably longer; in fact, nearly as long as the best Sea Island Cotton, which fetches the highest price in the English market. The natives always look with great anxiety for the rain when the flower buds begin to open. Should the Madras Irrigation Company, therefore, extend its operations to the cotton fields of Beraf and Nagpore, a very wonderful change and improvement in both the quantity and quality of Indian cotton may be expected."

Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor-General's Office, Calcutta, from 22nd to 31st January 1868.

MONTH.	Date.	Reduced Reading of Barometer at 10 A. M.	THERMOMETER.		Daily Range of the Temperature.	Mean Temperature for the day.	Mean Wet Bulb.	Computed Mean Dew-point.	Mean Degree of humidity for the day.	Prevailing Direction of Wind during the day.	Rain.	Max. Pressure of Wind.	GENERAL REMARKS.
			Highest Reading.	Lowest Reading.									
		Inches.	°	°	°	°	°	°			Inches.	lb.	
Jan.	22nd	30.122	78.3	58.8	19.5	68.1	60.3	54.1	0.63	N	...	...	Clear.
	23rd	045	79.9	59.6	20.3	69.8	61.7	55.2	.62	N	...	...	Clear and strati.
	24th	071	79.0	63.0	16.0	70.9	62.6	56.0	.61	N	...	...	Cirro cumuli and clear.
	25th	085	79.9	62.0	17.9	70.2	62.9	57.1	.65	N	...	...	Clear and scattered cumuli.
	26th	128	78.0	62.5	15.5	70.2	62.5	56.3	.63	N	...	...	Clear.
	27th	086	79.2	64.4	14.8	71.2	63.3	57.0	.63	N	...	...	Chiefly cirro cumuli.
	28th	017	80.0	67.6	12.5	73.1	66.8	61.8	.60	N W & N	...	...	Strati, scattered cumuli and clear.
	29th	106	80.0	65.5	14.5	72.0	64.9	59.2	.66	N	...	...	Scattered cumuli and clear.
	30th	091	80.0	62.5	17.5	70.3	61.9	55.2	.61	N E & N N E	...	...	Clear and cirro cumuli.
	31st	070	69.7	62.0	7.7	65.9	62.5	59.8	.82	N	0.05	...	Scattered cirro cumuli, strati and overcast. Light rain at 6½ and 11 A. M. and at 1 P. M. Slightly foggy at 8 and 9 P. M.

The mean Temperature and the mean Wet Bulb are derived from the twenty-four hourly Observations made during the day.

The Dew-point is computed with the Greenwich constants. The figures in column ten represent the humidity of the air, the complete saturation of which being taken at unity. The receiver of the lower rain gauge is 1 foot 2 inches, and that of the Anemometer 70 feet 10 inches, above the level of the ground.

The extreme variation of Temperature during the past ten days	...	...	21.2
The Max. Temperature during the past ten days	...	...	80.0
The Max. Temperature during the corresponding period of the past year...	...	...	83.2
The mean humidity during the past ten days	...	...	0.66
The mean humidity during the corresponding period of the past year	...	...	0.68
			Inches.
The total fall of rain from 22nd to 31st...			
{ by lower rain gauge		...	0.05
{ by Anemometer gauge		...	0.02
Ditto ditto from 22nd to 31st, average of fourteen previous years	...	...	0.09
Ditto ditto between the 1st January and the 31st ultimo	...	...	0.05
Ditto ditto during the corresponding period of the past year	...	...	0.55

The 3rd February 1868.

GOPEENATH SEN,
In charge of the Observatory.

Meteorological Report up to 21st January 1868.

STATIONS.	January.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
			Inches.	⊖	⊖				Inches.	
CALCUTTA.	15th	10	30.198	70	62	61	N	...	...	Clear.
	16th	10	30.147	75	61	40	N W	...	...	Ditto.
	16th	10	30.164	70	62	61	N	...	...	Ditto.
	17th	10	29.999	75	62	44	N	...	...	Ditto.
	17th	10	30.109	69	62	65	N	...	...	Ditto.
	18th	10	29.951	75	62	44	N by W	...	...	Ditto.
	18th	10	30.083	70	60	52	N N W	...	...	Ditto.
	19th	10	29.964	75	61	40	N	...	...	Scattered cirrocumuli to S.
	19th	10	30.126	70	60	52	N	...	...	Clear.
	20th	10	29.981	75	65	52	N	...	...	Scattered cirrocumuli.
SAGOR ISLAND.	20th	10	30.151	70	64	70	N	...	...	Clear.
	21st	10	30.092	77	63	41	N	...	...	Ditto.
	21st	10	30.180	69	60	56	N E	...	...	Ditto.
	21st	10	30.012	75	62	41	N N W	...	...	Ditto.
	15th	9-30	30.133	67	61	69	N by E	Moderate	...	Light clouds.
	16th	9-30	30.029	76	64	48	N	Moderate	...	Clear.
	16th	9-30	30.109	68	63	71	N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	17th	9-30	29.773	76	68	61	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	17th	9-30	30.029	68	63	74	N by W	Light	...	Ditto.
	18th	9-30	29.940	76	68	64	S W by W	Light	...	Ditto.
CHITTAGONG.	18th	9-30	29.981	69	63	70	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
	19th	9-30	29.939	78	67	60	S W	Light	...	Ditto.
	19th	9-30	30.058	69	64	74	N E by N	Light	...	Ditto.
	20th	9-30	29.977	77	66	53	S	Light	...	Partially cloudy.
	20th	9-30	30.071	68	63	74	N E	Moderate	...	Hazy.
	21st	9-30	30.005	78	69	61	N by W	Light	...	Scattered clouds.
	21st	9-30	30.081	68	60	60	N	Moderate	...	Clear.
	21st	10	30.008	78	64	48	N	...	...	Ditto.
	15th	9-30	30.027	67	61	84	N	Light	...	Hazy.
	16th	9-30	29.933	71	67	80	S W by W	Light	...	Ditto.
AKYAB.	16th	9-30	30.007	67	61	84	N	Light	...	Ditto.
	17th	9-30	29.884	71	66	75	S W by W	Light	...	Cumuli towards N. and E.
	17th	9-30	29.947	67	63	79	N by E	Light	...	Hazy.
	18th	9-30	29.844	71	68	75	S W by W	Light	...	Ditto.
	18th	9-30	29.932	66	63	83	N	Light	...	Ditto.
	19th	9-30	29.834	72	67	75	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	19th	9-30	29.977	67	64	84	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
	20th	9-30	29.854	72	67	75	W by S	Light	...	Ditto.
	20th	9-30	30.018	70	64	70	N	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	21st	9-30	29.904	72	68	80	W	Light	...	Ditto, scattered cumuli.
CUTTACK.	21st	9-30	30.007	68	61	64	N by E	Light	...	Ditto.
	21st	10	29.940	71	65	70	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	15th	9-30	30.083	72	60	85	N E	Light	...	Fine.
	16th	9-30	29.967	78	72	73	W S W	Light	...	Ditto.
	16th	9-30	30.073	72	67	75	N E	Light	...	Cloudy.
	17th	9-30	29.925	70	72	69	W	Light	...	Fine.
	17th	9-30	30.006	71	69	89	E	Light	...	Ditto.
	18th	9-30	29.890	77	69	84	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	18th	9-30	29.999	70	68	89	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
	19th	9-30	29.890	77	70	68	W	Light	...	Ditto.
MADRAS.	19th	9-30	30.019	70	68	80	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
	20th	9-30	29.904	78	71	69	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	20th	9-30	30.028	71	68	85	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
	21st	9-30	29.935	70	70	61	N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	21st	9-30	30.038	70	66	79	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
	21st	10	29.917	78	72	73	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	15th	9-30	30.228	72	62	53	N E by E	Moderate	...	Clear, misty horizon.
	16th	9-30	30.112	76	62	41	N by W	Light	...	Scattered cirrostrati and cirri.
	16th	9-30	30.103	68	62	69	N by W	Light	...	Fine, clear sky.
	17th	9-30	30.018	75	62	44	N N E	Light	...	Cloudless sky.
MADRAS.	17th	9-30	30.135	67	63	79	S W by S	Light	...	Hazy, clear sky.
	18th	9-30	29.985	70	62	41	N by E	Light	...	Fine evening.
	18th	9-30	30.080	71	66	75	E	Light	...	Scattered cirrostrati to N. W horizon.
	19th	9-30	29.985	75	67	63	S E	Light	...	Partially cloudy.
	19th	9-30	30.140	71	65	70	E	Light	...	Scattered cirrostrati and cirri.
	20th	9-30	30.010	75	67	63	E by S	Light	...	Cumulostrati and cirrocumuli.
	20th	9-30	30.177	71	67	80	N E by N	Light	...	Ditto, cirrostrati & cloudy.
	21st	9-30	30.018	78	67	60	E by N	Light	...	Scattered cirri & cirrocumuli.
	21st	9-30	30.154	72	63	58	E N E	Light	...	Fine, misty horizon.
	21st	10	30.052	76	67	60	N by E	Light	...	Clear, ditto.
MADRAS.	15th	10	30.094	83	76	71	N E by E	17*	...	Passing clouds.
	16th	10	29.974	79	75	82	N E by N	17*	...	Light clouds.
	16th	10	30.091	83	74	63	N E by N	17*	...	Passing clouds.
	17th	10	29.548	79	71	69	N E by N	16*	...	Ditto.
	17th	10	30.005	83	72	50	N E by N	13*	...	Light clouds.
	18th	10	29.907	80	72	66	N N E	16*	...	Fine.
	18th	10	30.019	82	71	55	N N W	7*	...	Ditto.
	19th	10	29.891	80	71	62	E	9*	...	Ditto.
	19th	10	30.031	82	71	55	N E by E	12*	...	Ditto.
	20th	10	29.919	81	71	59	E N E	10*	...	Ditto.
MADRAS.	20th	10	30.064	79	70	61	N N E	11*	...	Light clouds.
	21st	10	29.987	81	72	63	N N E	15*	...	Ditto.
	21st	10	30.069	83	72	56	N E	12*	...	Passing clouds.
MADRAS.	21st	10	29.951	81	72	62	N E	14*	...	Ditto.

STATIONS.	January.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	REMARKS.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
NEWARK.	15th	10	29.007	59	56	81	N W	Light.	...	Cumuli, strati.
	16th	10	29.882	72	61	49	N W	...	...
	16th	10	29.939	65	57	58	N E	Light.	...	Strati.
	17th	10	29.837	71	58	40	N W	...	...
	17th	10	29.876	65	50	53	S	Light.	...	Cumuli, strati.
	18th	10	29.850	65	59	08	N E	...	...
	18th	10	29.892	68	62	69	N	...	...	Cumuli.
	19th	10	29.750	72	62	53	N E	...	...
	19th	10	29.891	63	59	77	N W	Moderate ...	...	Cirrocumuli, strati.
	20th	10	29.809	71	61	53	N E	Moderate ...	...
ROCKEY.	20th	10	29.904	61	58	82	W	...	...	Cumuli, cumulostrati.
	21st	10	29.802	72	60	45	N W	Moderate	...	
	21st	10	29.921	65	58	63	S E	...	...	Light.
	21st	10	29.810	74	63	51	N	...	...
	15th	9-30	29.278	59	53	64	Calm	...	...	Cloudy sky; at 10 P. M. lightning and slight rain.
	16th	9-30	29.201	69	56	39	S W	...	...
	16th	9-30	29.256	62	52	46	Calm	...	...	Heavy thunder storm from W. at 3-30 P. M. Hail for a few minutes and thin rain till 11 P. M.
	17th	9-30	29.135	70	54	28	S W	...	...
	17th	9-30	29.139	59	55	76	S E	...	...	Clear calm day.
	17th	9-30	29.016	69	56	39	S E	...	...
DARJEELING.	18th	9-30	29.107	59	54	70	S E	...	0.16	Cloudy day; a few drops of rain at 6 & again at 8 P. M.
	18th	10	29.028	60	50	44	N W	...	...
	19th	9-30	29.274	55	52	80	N W	...	1.84	Clear calm day.
	19th	10	29.185	63	57	67	W	...	...
	20th	9-30	29.322	51	53	93	S	...	...	Cloudy day; a few drops of rain at 6 & again at 8 P. M.
	20th	10	29.191	57	55	87	N	...	...
	21st	9-30	29.242	55	53	86	Calm	...	...	A few thin clouds.
	21st	10	29.072	60	55	73	S E	...	...
	15th	9-30	29.439	46	43	76	S E by E	Light	...	Cumuli round horizon.
	16th	9-30	29.358	52	41	29	S S W	Light	...	
Dacca.	16th	9-30	29.407	46	40	54	E by S	Light	...	Cirrocumuli. Frosty morning.
	16th	9-30	29.298	52	41	47	E	Light	...	
	17th	9-30	29.322	47	42	62	F S E	Light	...	Clear sky. Frosty morning.
	17th	10	29.246	44	42	83	N W by W	Light	...	
	18th	9-30	29.338	41	42	83	E by S	Light	...	Misty.
	18th	10	29.247	46	41	61	S S W	Light	...	
	19th	9-30	29.332	41	37	65	Calm	...	...	Cirrocumuli.
	19th	10	29.263	47	41	55	S	Light	...	
	20th	9-30	29.333	40	36	64	W by S	Light	...	Scattered cumuli.
	20th	10	29.280	48	43	63	W	Light	...	
FALSE POINT.	21st	9-30	29.302	41	40	91	S E	Light	...	Clear sky. Frosty morning.
	21st	10	29.288	47	43	69	S S W	Light	...	
	15th	9-30	30.054	68	62	69	N	Light	...	A few thin clouds.
	16th	9-30	30.023	72	63	58	N	Light	...	
	16th	9-30	30.014	68	63	74	N	Light	...	Ditto.
	17th	9-30	29.987	70	63	65	N	Light	...	
	17th	9-30	29.954	68	64	79	N	Light	...	Ditto.
	18th	9-30	29.846	71	61	53	W	Light	...	
	18th	9-30	29.944	68	61	79	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	19th	9-30	29.839	70	...	...	W	...	...
HENRY F. BLANFORD.	19th	9-30	29.907	67	64	84	W	...	...	Calm and clear.
	19th	10	29.876	71	...	...	W	...	...
	20th	9-30	30.014	68	64	79	N N W	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	20th	10	29.920	71	64	66	W	Light	...	
	21st	9-30	30.014	68	62	69	N N W	Light	...	Clear.
	21st	10	?	70	63	65	N	Light	...	
	12th	9-30	30.083	72	67	75	N E	...	...	Light weather.
	13th	9-30	30.091	69	65	79	E N E	...	...
	13th	10	29.993	72	68	80	N	...	...	Moderate breezes.
	14th	9-30	30.078	71	67	80	E N E	...	...
HENRY F. BLANFORD.	14th	10	29.981	73	67	71	N E	...	...	Light weather and hazy.
	15th	9-30	30.113	72	67	75	N E	...	...
	15th	10	30.006	71	67	80	N E by E	...	...	Fresh breezes & fine but hazy.
	16th	9-30	30.114	68	63	74	N E	...	...
	16th	10	29.976	71	66	75	E by N	...	...	Moderate breezes.
	17th	9-30	30.033	72	65	66	N N E	...	...
	17th	10	29.901	73	68	76	S E	...	...	Ditto ditto.
	18th	9-30	30.053	72	68	80	N	
	18th	10	29.918	74	69	76	E S E	Ditto winds and fine.
	18th	10	29.918	74	69	76	E S E	

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Survey in Assam.

Resolution by the Government of Bengal.—(dated Kooshtea, the 30th September 1867.)

The small out-turn of the survey work done in Assam during the last two seasons, its excessive cost, and the reasons assigned for unsatisfactory progress in the correspondence which has passed for some time between the Government, the Board of Revenue, and the Surveyor-General, having satisfied the Lieutenant-Governor of the necessity of some material change in the survey arrangements, His Honor has given his full consideration to the subject during his visits to Cachar and Assam. The Assam Survey parties have to deal with two classes of work. In the jungle tracts, besides shewing on their Maps the topographical features of the country, they have to identify and shew the boundaries of the lots which have been granted under the old rules on rent-paying conditions, or which have been sold under the Waste Land Rules.

In the tracts which contain more cultivation they have to shew the boundaries of mouzahs and villages for revenue purposes.

Hitherto the system generally followed has been that the ground is first taken by a civil demarcation party under a Superintendent. It is the duty of this party to identify the boundaries of lots of waste land and of mouzahs; to decide all disputes, and to leave such marks along the boundary which is laid down as shall ensure its ready identification by the professional survey party which follows.

In consequence of the rapid growth of vegetation in Assam by which the marks were obliterated before the professional parties took up the ground, and from other causes, it is admitted that the system has not worked well.

In Bengal Proper, in which the land is to a great extent under cultivation, and in which

proprietary rights are divided between numerous land owners of whom each is naturally tenacious of his own, the necessity of a civil demarcation party to precede the Professional Surveyors in order to decide all disputes as to boundaries, so that the Surveyor may work without delay and impediment, is obvious.

But in Assam it is generally accepted that the case is different. The lots of waste land have been assigned on descriptions which give nothing more than a general idea of the boundaries. In the more cultivated tracts, the object, generally speaking, is not to identify and represent boundaries of mouzahs which have once been clearly defined, but to constitute mouzahs for revenue purposes by assigning to each definite boundaries which shall contain so much land as is convenient. Both in the case of lots of waste land and of mouzahs, the boundaries to be assigned have to be decided more or less roughly and arbitrarily. Such boundaries can be assigned as readily by the professional survey party as by a civil demarcation party; and with the view of simplicity and of securing the thorough efficiency of the operations, it is desirable that the entire process from first to last should be placed under the direct control of the Professional Revenue Surveyor. In a letter No. 312, dated 21st September, the Commissioner of Assam writes:—

“The demarcation parties have now demarcated Kamroop, Soebasangor, very nearly the whole of Nowgong, and a considerable portion of Luckimpore. I believe that this separate demarcation survey should have been dispensed with in Assam; no doubt there are estates of various kinds in Assam requiring demarcating, but they are nothing like in the same proportion, nor do they exhibit the same complexity which I am told obtains in Bengal, and I am convinced that they would have been best dealt with by the professional survey party demarcating them, which would have saved a great expense, if not waste of money.

I would now recommend the adoption of this course with what remains to be done, more particularly as the tracts remaining to be demarcated include a very large proportion of waste, and a very small proportion of lakhiraj or semi-lakhiraj land requiring demarcating. I may further state that I lately held a conference at Debrooghur with the Professional Surveyor, Lieutenant Barron, the Superintendent of Surveys, Mr. L. B. B. King, and the Deputy Commissioner, Major Stewart, who has given very much attention to the same subject in Cachar, and we unanimously agreed that the separate demarcation parties under Mr. King might be safely broken up, and what there was of demarcating remaining to be done transferred to the professional survey, and I solicit it may be understood as a definite proposition that I recommend that this be now done.

"It has been found quite impossible in Assam to adjust the proper interval between the demarcating and the professional survey operations. There is often found so little to demarcate, and the demarcation survey thus gets so far ahead of the professional survey that the *marks* or temporary landmarks left by the former for the guidance of the professional survey, disappear under the swiftly destructive influence of the climate of Assam with its rains and floods, before the latter can make use of them. Thus, even in Kamroop, where there was more demarcating work to perform than elsewhere, the professional survey is more than a year, and will probably soon be two years, behind the demarcation survey."

"The professional survey has, I understand, not yet broken ground on the south side of Kamroop, nor at all in Nowgong, but has pretty well finished with Sebsaugor, and has made some progress in Luckimpore. Durrung has neither been demarcated nor professionally surveyed."

"With reference to the 6th paragraph of the Government of India's letter, I understand it to be clearly the object of the present survey that it is to answer revenue purposes; and, so far as that it defines the areas of villages, within which the measurements for assessment have to be made by the mouzahdars, it answers the end proposed. I think, however, that there are large tracts in every district of permanent cultivation, where the Surveyor, in addition to his own scientific operations, might well carry on the khusrak measurement of land, and I would have the professional survey at once instructed that they are to show every species of land, (1) 'under cultivation,' (2) 'thrown out of cultivation,' (3) 'fit for cultivation,' (4) 'waste or jungle,' (5) 'sites of village and gardens.' They already show separately 'sites of villages,' 'waste or jungle,' and 'culturable land,' including in the latter 'land under and thrown out of cultivations,' and Lieutenant Butter, the Professional Surveyor of Kamroop, informs me, if I understand him rightly, that he could easily give the additional details I suggest, both for his past and for his future work."

Three days before the Commissioner wrote as above, a conference was held in Calcutta, at the request of the Lieutenant-Governor, between the Senior Member of the Board of Revenue and Major Macdonald, the Deputy Surveyor-General for the Lower Provinces, at which the Officiating Secretary to Government attended, and explained the views of the Lieutenant-Governor. The Senior Member of the Board and the Deputy Surveyor-General came to the same conclusion as

that at which the Commissioner of Assam has arrived, and the following arrangements were agreed upon:—

"On the Survey party proceeding to take up a portion of a District in which there are tracts of waste lands, within which grants and allotments have been made, the Deputy Commissioner of the District will furnish to the Revenue Surveyor lists of the grants and allotments, with such specification of their boundaries, on rough sketches, or otherwise, as his records can supply. The object of the Revenue Surveyor will then be to identify the boundaries furnished to him by the Deputy Commissioner as nearly as they are capable of identification on the spot, and to assign these as the boundaries of the different lots on his Survey Map."

"For the purpose of identifying these boundaries with the help of the grantees, &c., the Revenue Surveyor will send a small party ahead under an intelligent Officer, whose duty will also be to cut such lines as are necessary to enable the Surveyor, who follows him, to survey and lay down on his Map the boundaries so identified."

"If, in the course of tracing the boundary, the line cutting Officer should come upon a *disputed* portion of the boundary, he will merely cut such a line as may be required to enable the Surveyor to make his observation through the disputed plot from end to end; he will make no attempt to define the actual boundary. When the Surveyor reaches such a place, he will merely show his survey line in the Map, and no boundary, noting the remark 'boundary disputed; no off-sets taken.'"

"Whenever the line cutting Officer comes upon such a disputed boundary, he will report it to the Revenue Surveyor, who will give immediate notice to the Deputy Commissioner, Deputy Collector, or other Civil Officer, to whom the decision of such disputes may have been assigned, sending at the same time a rough Map of the locality from which the place can be unmistakably identified. It will be the duty of the Revenue Officer at once to enquire into the merits of the disputes, and to give an award, if possible, before the survey party has left the neighbourhood. Immediate notice of the award should be sent to the Revenue Surveyor, with a Sketch Map shewing how the boundary has been settled; and then the Revenue Surveyor will cause his Map to be completed by sending an Officer to take the off-sets which were omitted along the disputed portion of boundary."

"According to this system the Civil Officer will have nothing to do with the executive part of the survey proceedings; he will simply decide a dispute when the existence of one is certified to him by the Revenue Surveyor."

"It will be distinctly understood that the mere existence of a *doubt* in identifying a boundary, which is described in the paper furnished by the Deputy Commissioner, will not make it necessary for the Revenue Surveyor to call in the aid of the Civil Officer; a doubt caused by a difference between the actual features of the country and those represented in the Deputy Commissioner's papers, can be disposed of as well by the Revenue Surveyor as by a Civil Officer; it is only when conflicting claims as to the direction of a boundary are advanced by different parties that the Civil Officer need be called upon to make a judi-

cial enquiry and award, and this, it is believed, will occur very unfrequently."

With regard to the survey of the more cultivated tracts, it was agreed that the same system should be adopted; the Revenue Surveyor laying down the boundaries of mouzahs and villages as pointed out by the mouzahdars where they are clearly known; and where they are indefinite, assigning to each mouzah or village so much land as may be convenient.

Although the Revenue Surveyor and his Assistants will not exercise the power of judicially deciding boundary disputes, it is obvious that some of the powers of a Collector must be conferred on the Revenue Surveyor, and perhaps on some of his Assistants, to enable them to enforce the attendance before them of mouzahdars and others for the purpose of pointing out existing and known boundaries.

It will be for the Board of Revenue and the Deputy Surveyor-General in communication, to report to Government what power should be conferred on the different Officers of each survey party.

It will further be necessary that these authorities should together draw up a set of Rules for the guidance of Officers in carrying out the survey of Assam and Cachar under this system. The rules so prepared will supersede the corresponding portion of the Survey Rules which now exist. It is desirable that these Rules should be drawn up with the least possible delay by the Board and the Deputy Surveyor-General in personal consultation, rather than that the preparation of them should be left to the Commissioner of Assam, who is not within reach of any high authority of the Professional Survey Department. The Rules should be submitted as soon as practicable for the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor, who will, if necessary, consult the Commissioner as to any modifications which local considerations may render advisable. The strictest injunctions should be given to the Deputy Commissioners to secure the boundaries by the requisite number of permanent marks as soon as they are laid down by the survey. In the case of purchased waste lands, Section 5, Article I. of the Board's Waste Land Rules, reserves full power to the Deputy Commissioner to erect these at the expense of the purchaser, should the purchaser fail to put them up himself when called upon to do so. In other cases the pillars must be erected at the expense of Government. The Lieutenant-Governor will rely on the Commissioner to enforce the erection of these marks before the close of the season in which the survey is made.

The above system being adopted, the civil demarcation parties in Assam may be broken up at once, as such parties will not be required elsewhere for some time. The Board will report the measures taken, the names of the Officers who will thus become available for other duty, and the amount which will be saved out of the Budget Estimates of the current year.

The Deputy Surveyor-General should also report, as soon as possible, on the additions to the Professional Establishments which will be necessary during the coming field seasons, and their estimated cost.

If the Surveyor-General should be of opinion that a portion of the cost of a survey conducted on these principles ought to be charged to the Revenue Department, rather than to the Pro-

fessional Survey Department, the Lieutenant-Governor will be prepared to consider his proposals as to the proportion of the cost of which the Professional Survey should be so relieved. During the current financial year sums will be available to the extent of the saving in the Civil Department, which may be caused by the breaking up of the demarcation parties.

The Lieutenant-Governor has considered the recommendation which has been made by the Board, and which is repeated in paragraphs 7 and 8 of their letter No. 3807A., dated 20th September, that all attempt to fix and survey the boundaries of assigned lots of waste land should be abandoned, but His Honor is unable to adopt the recommendation; even if entire lots or portions of lots be hereafter abandoned, the boundaries once shewn on the Survey Maps will be useful as marking off convenient blocks, with reference to which future applications may be made for assignments of waste land.

ORDERED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, for information and guidance, and with a request that the required Rules may be framed and submitted with the least possible delay.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Deputy Surveyor-General for information and guidance.

From T. B. LANE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal. (No. 3982A., dated Fort William, the 9th October 1867.)

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Government Resolution dated 30th September, and in reply to express the Board's belief that survey operations in Assam will, under the modifications of prescribed Rules therein sanctioned, progress far more satisfactorily than they have hitherto done.

2. The Board have, in personal conference with the Deputy Surveyor-General, agreed to the few plain Rules which he has drawn up for the guidance of his Surveyors, and which he has since submitted, as directed in the Resolution, for the approval of Government. It will be advisable, as the Resolution contemplates, that the Commissioner should have an opportunity of commenting on these Rules, and should be required to instruct Civil Officers in accordance with them.

3. It will be sufficient for the purposes of paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Resolution, if the Surveyors and their Head Assistants be empowered as Deputy Collectors.

From COLONEL HENRY HOPKINSON, Commissioner of Assam, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal. (No. 459, dated Gowhatty, the 23rd November 1867.)

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3881, dated 29th ultimo, forwarding draft of Rules for the Survey in Assam, and requesting the expression of my opinion on the same.

2. Lieutenant Butter, Revenue Surveyor, and I have met and discussed the draft Rules *seriatim*, and I beg to transmit herewith a note that he has drawn up about them, embodying the results of our conference so far as they are at all in modification of the views held by the Board, and to add that they have my exact concurrence.

3. The draft Rules are herewith returned.

Memorandum on Draft of Rules for the Survey in Assam.

WITH reference to paragraph 13, I beg to submit for the consideration of the Commissioner of Assam—

1. That, at all events, in Kamroop, masonry platforms are unsuitable. I have communicated with the Executive Engineer, Lower Assam, on the subject frequently, and he has told me that the cost would be enormous, which is evident enough to those who know that every atom of material would have to be carried at heavy cost from Gowhatty, and that workmen charge extravagantly for going into the District.

2. That it would be perhaps in every way preferable to substitute hollow cast iron pillars as land marks, round which earth might be built up in the form of a cone from a circular ditch round them. The pillar might be sunk two feet in the ground, and stand a yard high above the surface. Independently of the obligation of the mouzahdar or other person concerned to protect such pillars, they ought to last well.

3. That, although the tri-boundaries of mouzahs (pergunnahs) should certainly be thus permanently marked, it is surely unnecessary to erect such pillars at tri-junctions of all villages, owing to the nature of land tenure in Assam; and on account of the cost to which Government will be put for mouzah tri-junctions; this is worth consideration. As the chief object of these pillars would be to serve as definite points of departure for persons hereafter using the professional maps, it might be sufficient to erect pillars here and there, within a mouzah, at certain village tri-junctions at discretion; such pillars to be all duly noted in the survey maps.

4. And, lastly, that the boundaries which chiefly want permanent definition are wholly passed over in the proposed rules, *viz.*, those of lakhiraj grants, which being patches within villages have no tri-junctions with other boundaries at all, and have hitherto not been recognized by the Revenue Survey. I venture to suggest that lakhirajdars should be directed to erect permanent marks of the description eventually prescribed for the district at certain suitable salient points of their boundary; the maximum* distance between any two marks, except where the intervening boundary is natural and obvious, to be fixed (perhaps at 500 yards).

* See memorandum from Commissioner of Assam, No. 489, dated 5th December 1867.

A. D. BUTTER, Lieut.,

1881. Revenue Surveyor,

In Charge, first Division, L. P. R. S.

GOWHATTY,
21st November 1867. }

Draft of Rules for the Survey in Assam.

1. The Survey will show the topographical features only of those parts of the province which consist of unallotted waste lands.

2. Where allotments have been made the Survey will show the boundaries between the different lots and grants.

3. In the more cultivated tracts, it will show the boundaries of mouzahs, khats, estates, and all similar Revenue Divisions.

4. No civil demarcation party will precede the professional party in the field; each profes-

sional party will ascertain the boundaries of mouzahs, estates, and grants for itself. About a month before commencing his operations for the season, the professional Surveyor will communicate his intentions to the Deputy Commissioner of the District, requesting that Officer to make the fact generally known by proclamation in the tract about to be surveyed, and to issue an explanatory notice of the objects of the survey. The Deputy Commissioner will be responsible that all mouzahdars and holders of land are made aware that they are bound to be in attendance when the survey officials commence work on their lands.

5. The Revenue Surveyor will be vested with the powers of a Collector which are ordinarily exercised by a Civil Superintendent of Survey; and the powers of a Deputy Collector under Regulation IX. of 1833, will be conferred on one or more of the Assistant Surveyors, if necessary. These powers will enable them authoritatively to require the attendance of parties; to call on them to point out boundaries; to enforce compliance with their requisitions under the provisions of Act XX. of 1848; and to lay down doubtful boundaries.

6. Before the Revenue Surveyor takes the field the Deputy Commissioner will furnish him with a list of all mouzahs, khats, estates, and grants, within the limits of the District, or area to be surveyed, of which the Surveyor is required to show the boundaries on his maps. Opposite the number and name of each mouzah, khat, estate, and grant, will be entered the name of the mouzahdar, proprietor, or grantee, and in accordance with these lists, the Surveyor will issue summonses for the attendance of those whom he requires.

7. The Deputy Commissioner shall call on all mouzahdars, khatdars, holders of estates, and grantees, to put up temporary marks at every turn of the boundary between mouzahs, khats, estates, and grants, where the boundary can readily be identified and is admitted. The Surveyors will follow the boundary as indicated by these marks unless it be disputed.

8. Wherever, from difficulty in tracing a boundary through jungle, the mouzahdar, khatdar, holder of an estate, or grantee, has omitted to put up marks and cannot point out the exact boundary, the Surveyor will show the boundary on his map by a straight line from one trijunction point to the next trijunction point, and this line will be recognised as the boundary between the mouzahs, khats, estates or grants, as the case may be, until some other boundary be prescribed under the provisions of the law.

9. The Surveyor will report to the Deputy Commissioner each case in which he or his Assistants who are vested with the powers of a Deputy Collector may inflict a fine under Act XX. of 1848, and the Deputy Commissioner will be responsible that the fines are realized.

10. A register of all fines so inflicted will be submitted monthly by the Deputy Commissioner to the Commissioner of Assam for his information.

11. Although the powers which will be conferred on the Revenue Surveyor and some of his Assistants would enable them to adjudicate on cases of disputed boundary, it is to be understood that they are not to exercise this power. When disputes occur in regard to boundary lines

between two or more land-owners or grantees, or between a mouzahdar and a land-owner or grantee, the Survey Officer shall leave so much of the boundary as is disputed, unrepresented in his field book and map, and shall at once report the existence of the dispute to the Deputy Commissioner or other Civil Officer who may be appointed to dispose of such cases. A rough drawing shewing the direction of the disputed boundary, (as claimed by each party) shall be submitted by the Surveyor with his report. It will be the duty of the Deputy Commissioner to make such arrangements as will ensure the decision of such disputes *before the close of the field season*. Immediate intimation of the decision shall be given to the Revenue Surveyor, who will then enter the boundary as decided in his field book and map.

12. Under the law an appeal will lie to the Revenue Surveyor in his capacity of Collector from orders passed by his Assistants in the capacity of Deputy Collectors, and an appeal will lie to the Commissioner from orders passed by the Surveyor in his capacity of Collector; but the Surveyor's proceedings in laying down straight boundaries should be upheld in cases where no marks had been placed to guide the Surveyor from one village or grant to the next, and where at the time of survey the mouzahdars, khatdars, holders of estates, or grantees, were not present to point out the boundary lines. In such cases, the Commissioner in appeal should, as a general rule, refuse to interfere with the determination of the Surveyor, which will still be open to question in the Civil Courts. But if in any case the parties are bound by a special clause in their title deeds to accept the decision of the Collector or Deputy Commissioner of the District or of the Revenue Authorities as final, it will be necessary that the particular authority who is indicated should enter into the case and decide it on its merits.

13. The Surveyors shall leave on the ground temporary marks indicating the trijunction of the boundaries of mouzahs, estates, khats and similar revenue divisions. The District Officers will be responsible that all such points are secured before the end of the field season by solid masonry platforms four feet square, one foot below the surface and one foot above the surface, by cast-iron pillars or by similar durable boundary marks. Such marks shall also be put up at convenient distances to define the boundaries of lakhiraj grants. A register of all points secured by boundary marks shall be prepared by the District Officer and copy furnished to the Commissioner of Assam after countersignature by the Revenue Surveyor.

14. The state of the platforms, pillars, or the boundary marks shall be reported on monthly by the mouzahdars, and the District Officer will be responsible that they are kept up.

H. L. DAMPIER,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Re-Settlement and Increase of Revenue in Assam.

From S. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Officiating Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces.—(No. 1135, dated Fort William, the 6th March 1866. 7.)

In forwarding to you the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 173, dated the 14th June 1865, from the Agent, Governor General, and Com-

missioner of Assam, reporting as to the extent to which the revenues of Assam may be revised on re-settlement, the Lieutenant-Governor desires me to say that the subject has been under his consideration for some time, in connection with other questions, and that now he desires that the Board will be so good as to submit a report as to the expediency of raising the present rates of assessment in Assam.

From LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. HOPKINSON, Agent to the Governor General and Commissioner of Assam, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—(No. 173, dated the 14th June 1865.)

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3520, dated 17th ultimo, forwarding copy of a letter to your address from the Government of India in the Foreign Department, communicating the remarks of His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the explanation submitted in my letter No. 52, dated the 28th March last, relative to the neglect of the old roads in Assam, and requesting me to report in detail on the periods remaining of the existing settlements in each district, and as to the extent to which, in my opinion, the revenue of the province may be revised on re-settlement, and also to what extent an increase in the assessment is likely to render the labour of the districts more available for employment on the public works.

2. In reply I beg to state that revision of assessments can be undertaken at the end of the current financial year notwithstanding existing settlements. The principle of an Assam settlement is, that it is made with the rent collector and not the rent payers. The ryot can resign his holding whenever he likes, even during the term of settlement, so that he cannot object to a revision of the rate of assessment at any time that it may please Government to make it. With respect to the rent collector with whom the settlement is made, as he is paid by a commission on collections, it would be a direct gain to him if the rates of assessment were raised.

3. The above circumstances, it will be perceived, afford every facility for raising the land revenue in Assam; such a measure to be successful and effected without creating confusion should be carried out simultaneously throughout each district. For if revision is made only in each pergunnah as its present settlement lapses, there will be a general exodus of the ryots from it into the nearest pergunnah when the settlement has not lapsed, thereby creating a direct loss of revenue to Government. In fact, revision of assessments when made should be carried out throughout the whole province at the same time, for the confusion which I have anticipated, should revision be made in a desultory manner in the pergunnahs of a district, will occur to a less but still to a very inconvenient degree, should the rates be raised in some districts of the province and not in others.

4. I am of opinion that sufficient grounds do not exist to make any distinction in regard to the rates of assessment to be fixed for the different districts of Assam. It has been urged on previous occasions, when the question of raising the land tax of the Province was mooted, that Kamroop in Lower Assam can bear a higher rate of assessment than the districts higher up, because from its position Kamroop is nearer the great marts of Bengal where its produce can be disposed of. It is now, however, unquestionable that in some respects as regards agricultural produce, the best mart of the upper districts are in the districts

themselves where the producer can always command a higher price on the spot for his produce than the people of Kamroop can by taking theirs to the marts of Bengal. For instance, while the rice dealer of Kamroop can send his grain down to Serajgunge and dispose of it there at Rupees 1-4 or Rupees 1-8 a maund, the cultivator at Sebsaugor, who is excluded by distance from the Serajgunge market, can get Rupees 2 a maund on the spot, so in the case of sugar and oil-seed and oil, the profit the Kamroop people can make by exporting their goor or mustard-seed is hardly equal to what the people in the tea planting districts realize by local sales. The tea plantations tend to equalize the produce markets. In regard to fertility of soil, I cannot discover either that any district of Assam has any decided and essential advantage over any other which could be made the basis of a discriminative assessment.

5. The following memorandum will show at a glance the rates now current in the districts of Assam, as also those which I would recommend should be introduced. Gawalparah being permanently settled is not included in this scheme :—

	RATES NOW IN FORCE PER BEEGAH.				PROPOSED RATES PER BEEGAH.				
	Roopit or low paddy land.		Other lands.		Bustee or Homestead and garden lands.		Roopit or low paddy land.		Furinguttee or high lands for crops, &c.
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Kamroop ...	0	6	0	0	4	0	1	0	0
Durrung ...	0	5	6	0	4	6	1	0	0
Nowgong ...	0	5	6	0	4	6	1	0	0
Sebsaugor ...	0	5	0	0	4	0	1	0	0
Luckimpore.	0	5	0	0	4	0	1	0	0

6. It will be observed that instead of having two rates of assessment only, as now in force, I propose having three.

7. The first kind, homestead and garden lands, I think can bear a higher rate of assessment than any other land, as on it is cultivated betel-nut and other fruit trees from which the ryots derive large annual profits. I may mention that from a single betel-nut tree when at maturity Rupees 2 and Rupees 3 worth of betel-nut can be obtained in one year, which always commands a ready sale on the spot, and on a single beegah of land several hundreds of these trees can be reared. The yield from jack and mango trees is also proportionally large. It is evident therefore that homestead and garden lands should have a separate rate of assessment for itself, and that it should be higher than any other rate. I would recommend that it be fixed at 1 Rupee per beegah.

8. The second description of land called Roopit, on which the great paddy crop is produced, has always borne hitherto the highest rate of assessment. The only advantage which it has over the third description of land is that it does not require any labour for clearing away jungle, and can therefore be easily brought under cultivation, the paddy crop being grown on it during the rains. The season when jungle springs up on other

lands, I propose that the rate of assessment on this description of land should be ten (10) annas per beegah.

9. The third description of land is termed Furinguttee in the nomenclature of native settlement; it includes chur lands, as also all high lands of other kinds not fit for wet paddy cultivation. Lands taken up for tea come under this designation; it yields to the ryot but one crop: in the cold weather if paddy is grown on it the return is less than that from land on which paddy is grown in the rains, and the grain is red and coarse and does not fetch so high a price as other grain. Crops of greater value, such as mustard seed and several sorts of pulses can also be produced on this kind of land, but the cost of bringing it under cultivation is always comparatively heavy, for it is allowed to remain fallow during the rains, and when required again in the cold weather, it is generally covered with dense vegetation which requires considerable expense to be removed. I propose therefore that this description of land should bear the lowest rate of assessment, viz., 8 annas per beegah.

10. The financial results of the increase of rate of assessments which I have recommended cannot be ascertained with accuracy until the additional classification I have suggested is made, but on a rough estimate from the records of settlements in this Office, I am of opinion that the land revenue of the province will be increased by about 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ over what it is at present, that is to say, if we take the land revenue of Assam as it stands now in round numbers at 10½ lakhs of rupees, the increase will be about 14 lakhs, or a total of 24½ lakhs of rupees.

11. I am confident that the people of Assam can well bear to pay still higher rates of land revenue than those which I have proposed, but for the present I am averse to recommending any very large increase over existing rates.

12. As a proof of the prosperous state of the Assamese and the amount they can afford to expend on a single luxury, I may mention that in 1863-64 the quantity of opium sold in the province was 1,924 maunds, yielding a gross revenue of Rupees 11,35,462.

In 1864-65 the price of opium was raised from Rupees 14 to Rupees 20 per seer, but instead of this acting as any check on consumption, the quantity sold during the year was 1,939 maunds, the receipts from which were Rupees 14,35,426, or about 4 lakhs of rupees in excess of the land revenue of the province.

13. It has been urged that the large extent of unreclaimed waste land in the province is a very sensible evil in inducing migratory habits in the people, and that the natural consequence of an increase of assessments would be to cause the ryots to give up their holdings and seek for support in the reclamation of jungles.

14. As these jungle lands, however, when reclaimed, will be liable, under existing rules, to the same rates of assessment as on other lands, the ryots will derive no advantage but a good deal of loss and inconvenience by resorting to such an expedient, nor do I think they will do so to any extent likely to prejudice the land revenue.

15. Another difficulty which it is anticipated may arise by an increase of assessment is that planters and others, who have now secured tracts of waste land under the auction and grant rules,

may endeavour to attract ryots to settle on their lands by offering them easier terms than they can obtain from Government.

16. I have no doubt but that in a few exceptional cases planters may be able to induce a few ryots to remove to their land from Government holdings, but I do not think that they will succeed in doing so to any great extent, as the ryots always prefer to receive a title for their land direct from the Government than from planters, to whom all improvements they may make on the land will belong, and by whom they may be made to work on the tea gardens, and in case of refusal summarily ejected from their homes.

17. Besides, land taken up for tea cultivation is not at all adapted to settle ryots on; they require low paddy lands for the growth of their staple crop, and such land, I need hardly say, is never taken up by tea planters.

18. But even if it were believed that by an increase of the present rates of assessment planters would be able to farm out to ryots every acre of the 400,000 acres of land, which in round numbers they have purchased in fee simple or taken up in grant (and I hold this to be not only improbable but also utterly impossible), yet the land revenue of the province would not be affected to any very great extent, and it would still considerably exceed what it is now.

19. I am, however, of opinion that no movement of the kind to any appreciable degree will take place on the part of the ryots, and that the security they enjoy by holding their lands direct from Government will induce them to keep on their present holdings and to pay willingly an assessment which, although exceeding what they have been accustomed to, will yet press but lightly on them.

20. A very great increase of vigilance will, however, be required from district officers in dealing with applications for waste lands, as I think it not unlikely that lands specially suited for settling ryots on, or the growth of their principal crops may now be applied for under the auction rules; in all such cases the Deputy Commissioner should use the discretion given him by law to raise the upset price so as to protect the interest of Government.

21. I beg to add that in submitting this report, I have perused carefully the opinions of district officers recorded in 1860, when the subject of raising the land tax of Assam was being discussed, but I have not considered it necessary to call for any further expression of opinions now from Deputy Commissioners, as they are almost all of them new to their districts, and some have been scarcely a year in the province, so that their opinion would be of little practical value.

22. With reference to your enquiry as to the extent which an increase of assessments would induce labourers to take service in the public works, I beg to state that it will be impossible to give any information even approximately correct on the subject. There will no doubt be increased industry on the part of the people caused by the increase of assessments; and the Public Works Department, by proper management on the part of its officers, may expect to obtain a fair portion of this industry, should it take the shape of an increased desire on the part of the people to hire themselves out for wages.

23. But I would beg to be understood that I do not advocate an increase in the land assess-

ment in order to cause the agricultural population or any portion of it to become labourers, or to drive the industry of the country into any particular channel, such as working for the Department of Public Works; to do so would be to act in opposition to sound policy and justice. The reasons which made me recommend an increase of assessment have already been detailed in my previous letters on the subject, and need not be again adverted to here.

24. In referring to the 2nd paragraph of your letter under acknowledgment, I beg to state that I have called for a return of old roads from district officers, but I think it impossible for the Public Works Department to estimate for putting them into repair, as labour for the work is not procurable, and any attempt to procure it would force up existing rates.

From T. B. LANE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—(No. 151B., dated the 10th January 1867.)

MR. F. A. GOODENOUGH, of the firm of Messrs. Mackillop, Stewart, and Company, and Mr. H. L. Jenkins, Manager of the Docking Company in Assam, applied lately to the Deputy Commissioner of Sebsaugor for a perpetual lease of Mouzahs Jaipore and Kaligograh in that District; but the Commissioner, Colonel Hopkinson, declined to sanction the lease, on the ground "that the Rules and Regulations governing the fiscal administration of Assam do not admit of an arrangement of the nature proposed."

2. On the matter being referred to the Board by Mr. Goodenough, they called on the Commissioner for an exposition of his views on the subject, drawing his attention to the 37th paragraph of Mr. Mills' Report on Assam, in which farming settlements for twenty years with the Mouzahdars were recommended.

Copy of the Commissioner's replies, and of his letter of 1862, referred to in one of them, are annexed for the perusal of the Lieutenant-Governor. From these it will be seen that the Commissioner is entirely opposed to settlements of any long duration; that he views with disfavor the introduction of Europeans as Mouzahdars into the province, and that he strongly inclines to ryotwaree annual settlements of the simplest and purest character.

3. The Board do not agree with the Commissioner, and they desire me to solicit the decision of Government on the general question of creating a body of landed proprietors in the Province, should opportunity offer. In their opinion the policy advocated by Mr. Mills should be followed. That gentleman, after a careful consideration of the whole subject, wrote—"I feel assured that it is bootless to rely on the exertions of the ryots alone for extension of cultivation even in a limited degree. It is admitted that they should cultivate more than they do, and in some parts they do not raise sufficient for their own consumption. A ryotwaree annual settlement is, no doubt, acceptable to the ryots, and though I was once a great admirer of khas management when liberally administered and efficiently supervised, yet I know from long experience that this supervision is seldom, if ever, attained,

"while I hold it is quite impossible for Government, throughout a large province like this, to deal directly with every cultivator. Annual settlements have been tried repeatedly, and I believe that from the causes above stated they have never been found to answer." Under these considerations he recommended that settlements should be made of Mouzahs for twenty years, with power to the Commissioner to reduce the term in the case of lands not ripe for longer period of settlement; that the number of Mouzahs should be reduced by absorption of entire Mouzahs until the gross revenue amounted to Rupoes 3,000; that the Mouzahdar should be selected from the most respectable men of the Pergunnah, and should be bound, as far as practicable, to reside in his Mouzah; that on the expiration of the settlement the lands after measurement should be resettled with the Mouzahdar or his heirs; that the Mouzahdar should be remunerated with a commission not exceeding 20 per cent.; that the right of making grants of large tracts of forest within the boundaries of the Mouzah should be reserved to Government; that the Mouzahdar should be liable to dismissal for gross mismanagement of his charge, proved on formal proceedings to the satisfaction of the Commissioner; that the fisheries in large rivers, and the right to wash for gold, should be farmed to the best advantage, the bheels being incorporated with the Mouzah to which they appertain, and included in the assessment; that the farmers and Mouzahdars should be allowed to make their own arrangements with the fishermen; and that the lands tilled by migratory cultivators should be fixed on the aggregate, the Mouzahdar being permitted to make his own arrangement with those who break up the lands.

4. The Board do not consider, as argued by the Commissioner, that a non-resident proprietor or farmer is unable to discharge properly the local duties of a Mouzahdar. A village functionary, salaried, or paid as now by commission by a farmer instead of by Government, would be, in so far as they can see, an efficient substitute for the Mouzahdar. They are in favor of farming out villages, or groups of villages, after detailed settlement of them for the protection, if any be necessary, of ryots with rights of occupancy, or, as the Commissioner styles them, peasant proprietors. The Board do not look with apprehension on the consequences of Government farmers establishing undue local influence, or on their thus securing a supply of labor on their tea and other enterprises; their interest will be in the direction of attracting settlers to their villages and of extending clearances, and the law, if efficiently administered, should be sufficient to check abuse of the influence acquired from their position.

5. It appears probable that the necessity for determining on what terms a proprietary title shall be conveyed to farmers, and others may force itself on the consideration of Government in the course of the next few years. But in the meantime the Board are of opinion that a class of landed proprietors should be created in Assam, by the assignment of leases for long periods, to be eventually converted into permanent holdings.

6. On learning the decision of Government on the objections raised by the Commissioner, the Board will, if necessary, make a special reference regarding Mr. Goodenough's application. The villages for which he has applied appear to be of an enormous area, of which a very large proportion is waste.

From COLONEL H. HOPKINSON, Commissioner of Assam, &c., &c., to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces,—(No. 97, dated the 14th June 1866.)

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to my address No. 398B, dated 31st May 1866, enquiring, with reference to my letter No. 8A. of the 23rd, and its annexures, my reasons in detail for differing from Mr. Mills, who in the 37th paragraph of his Report on Assam recommended farming settlements for twenty years with the Mouzahdars of the Province of Assam.

2. In reply I beg respectfully to point out that the views expressed in my letter in question affect no difference of opinion from Mr. Mills. I might show that they rather accord with than diverge from that gentleman's recommendations; but in truth they raise quite a different issue from that proposed by the paragraph to which you refer me, viz., the inexpediency of introducing the perpetual settlement into Assam, Mr. Goodenough's application, both direct to the Board and through Mr. Jenkins, being for a perpetual settlement of the Mouzahs of Jyepore and Kaligogra.

3. Upon one point, however, it will be convenient to me to express my unqualified concurrence with Mr. Mills, namely, as to the obligation of Mouzahdars to reside in their Mouzahs, provided for under the third modification expressed in paragraph No. 37; whether a settlement be made for twenty years or for any shorter period; the residence of a Mouzahdar within his Mouzah cannot be too strictly insisted on. A Mouzahdar must be regarded, and must regard himself, not merely as a revenue farmer, but as a public servant; he has some duties to perform which are not wholly fiscal, and which cannot be performed vicariously.

4. The disqualification by non-residence would alone be considered by me an insuperable objection to the settlement of a Mouzah with Mr. Jenkins or Mr. Goodenough, even if the period were limited for twenty years.

5. But I have also other objections to a settlement with Mr. Goodenough. Mr. Mills proposed a settlement of twenty years, because he thought it would advance the general improvement of the province and its people, and, above all things, extend rice cultivation; the settlement desired by Mr. Goodenough would not, I think, contribute to this result.

6. Mr. Goodenough and Mr. Jenkins are associated in petroleum speculations, in coal speculations, and in tea speculations at Jyepore and its vicinity, and side by side with these interests the extension of rice cultivation would not, I imagine, engross any considerable share of their attention.

7. On the contrary, the object these gentlemen have in view is more likely to be the control over the cultivators and the power of diverting their labour to the speculations I have named, which they hope to obtain if Jyepore and Kaligogra were settled with them.

8. Khowang, in which the Dehing Tea Company's Gardens are situated, and which adjoins Jyepore, might, in like manner, be settled with Mr. Goodenough when next it fell vacant; and, as Mouzahdar of the three Pergunnahs, Mr. Goodenough ought not only to be able to have every ryot in them completely at his mercy, but be able to keep out any competition for the coal or petroleum workings.

9. I see nothing injurious to Mr. Goodenough in imputing these motives to him. It is not necessary to assume even that his judgment is

warped by self-interest. There are not a few able and impartial thinkers who would view with approbation any scheme which had for its object the reduction of a number of petty peasant proprietors to the status of day laborers, working at the command of capital. Informed by superior intelligence, I myself, however, incline to the opposite side on this moot-question, and am sometimes led to doubt whether there is one remove from the condition of the Indian agricultural laborer under a European Master to that of a serf or even of a slave.

10. I may add that I have been more than once asked by a Tea Planter to appoint him a Mouzahdar in the unconcealed view to the power which his position would confer on him to make the ryots work in his Tea garden, and in pursuance of the same design the Planters are now beginning to buy up the fisheries and ferries.

11. In conclusion, might I be permitted to remind the Board, that even though I err in preferring annual to Mr. Mills' twenty years' settlements, this would be hardly the time to make any of the latter, while a project for the enhancement of the land assessment is under the consideration of the Government, and when, therefore, it is most desirable that their action should be left as unfettered as possible by any long agreements. It would appear very partial were Mr. Goodenough to obtain a long settlement of a couple of Mouzahs at present rates, and immediately after an order of the Government to increase the land tax were to appear.

12. I find I have yet to add that I have called upon the Deputy Commissioner of Luckimpore and Seebangor to furnish the particulars called for at the end of the Board's letter, in regard to the population and cultivated and uncultivated acres of the Mouzahs applied for by Mr. Jenkins.

From COLONEL H. HOPKINSON, Commissioner of Assam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces,—(No. 150, dated the 9th July 1866.)

LEST I should not have been sufficiently explicit in my letter to the Board No. 97 of the 14th ultimo, in answer to theirs, No. 398 of the 31st May, enquiring, with reference to an application from Mr. F. A. Goodenough for a perpetual settlement in his favor of Mouzah Jypore, what my reasons were in detail for differing from Mr. Mills in his report on Assam, I have caused a copy of my letter to the Board No. 173A. of the 21st February 1862, in which the whole question is discussed, to be made; and I have herewith the honor to re-submit it for the consideration of the Board.

2. But it is only one of very many letters which I have addressed to the Board during the past fifteen years, in which the same views are expressed. Four years have elapsed since the letter, of which I herewith send a copy, was written, and it still exactly represents my opinion, though in feebler terms than I should employ now.

3. Let me refer to the 5th. and concluding paragraph of my letter to the Board, No. 215 of the 14th April 1862. It seems to me that signs are not wanting that the re-action which I then prophesied in favor of ryotwarree tenure, has already set in. A late speech of the Right Hon'ble the Under-Secretary of State for India, from his place in Parliament, was little favorable to the principles of a perpetual settlement, and I notice that Mr. Stansfeld referred with approbation to the opinions expressed by the very authority,

Mr. Cassels, at the Meeting at Manchester a few months ago, whose remarks on the land tenure assessment of Bombay I mentioned in the paragraph above cited that I had read with so much feeling of agreement.

4. I sincerely wish that I had less reason than I believe I have to question the advantages either of a perpetual settlement or of such a settlement as that recommended by Mr. Mills, on the strength of his experience in Cuttack. The present state of distress in Bengal is a sad commentary upon the opinion of those persons who, when the North-Western Provinces were wasted by famine, relied so confidently upon the exemption of Bengal from a similar calamity in virtue of the "Perpetual Settlement." On the other hand Cuttack has not been saved from a deplorable fate by a thirty years' settlement, and we may be thankful that the Assam ryot is not now altogether "on the same footing with the cultivator of Cuttack," as Mr. Mills desired to place him.

5. But even Mr. Mills professed himself a great admirer of khass management; only he questioned the possibility of efficient supervision, which the experience gained in the administration of British Burmah has now placed beyond doubt.

From MAJOR H. HOPKINSON, Commissioner of Assam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces.—(No. 173A., dated the 21st February 1862.)

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum No. 766 of the 22nd November 1861, forwarding Government orders in respect to which I am desired to report upon the expediency of a permanent settlement for the Province of Assam, or if not a permanent settlement, for a settlement for a long term of years; the enquiry being suggested by the discussion of the question of fixing permanently the public demand on the land, in paragraphs 62 to 82 of Colonel Baird Smith's report on the Famine District.

2. The state of the Upper Provinces is so different from the state of Assam that no conclusion can, I think, be drawn from the value of a permanent settlement in the former as to what it would be in the latter.

3. Colonel Baird Smith's report suggests to me the idea of a land tax or tax upon rents originally fixed at a rate exorbitantly high and calculated to impoverish the people, but now by the influx and consequent depreciation in the value of money, gradually falling to a moderate level; and Colonel Smith, as I read the report, desires to make it impossible that this fall should be arrested. In Assam the land tax is upon the profits of cultivation not upon rent; and has never absorbed more than a moderate portion of the people's profits.

4. Colonel Baird Smith is dealing with a country depending for its cultivation upon artificial irrigation, and this circumstance runs like a weft through all his arguments, even in the eleventh paragraph, to which my attention is particularly drawn,—canal action is still the topic. In Assam artificial irrigation is unknown.

5. Sir George Couper, writing lately to the Officiating Secretary to the Sudder Board of Revenue in the North-West Provinces, pointed out that wages in them depended upon custom and not upon competition, but a country where this is the case must needs require a very peculiar system

of taxation. Again, the nature of the land tenures by the village communities in the Upper Provinces might determine the expediency of introducing the permanent settlement there, and furnish reasons of the strongest kind in its favor, but which would be wanting, where society was differently constituted, and where the administration was free to levy tax on the produce of land in the simplest possible way and without reference to tenures of any kind.

6. I think then that Colonel Baird Smith's report should be placed on one side in considering the expediency of a perpetual settlement for Assam, and I know of no source elsewhere where I could find argument in its favor.

7. I have not much faith in the efficacy or otherwise of systems of Land Revenue as systems. The people may be over-assessed under any system, and it seems to me that it has been always very much the case to confound the system with the assessment; no system has been more abused, and for that matter more praised than ryotwara management. In some parts of the Madras Presidency it has been stated that it ground the people to the dust; in British Burmah they prosper under it, but in the one case the demand was 40, 50, there were instances of 70 per cent. on the produce, while in the other case it seldom rises to 20 per cent., and is often not more than 10 or 12 per cent.

8. It is evident that Colonel Baird Smith's objections to the settlement in the Upper Provinces are really to the rates imposed under them; and the perpetual settlement would probably not find the favor it does in Bengal, but that is a perpetual settlement of a moderate assessment. In Assam, where the population mainly consists of peasant proprietors or cultivators, each man cultivating on his own account, a land tax assessed to each cultivator on the area of his cultivation is substantially an Income Tax. So long as it is kept within just and moderate limits, it will press as lightly upon the people, to say the least in its favor, as an Income Tax; it will no more check cultivation than an Income Tax will check trade, and there is no more reason for making a perpetual settlement of it with some third party, middleman, farmer, zemindar, or whatever he may be called, between the state and its subjects than there is for so settling the Income Tax under Act XXXII.

9. I believe that everywhere else as in Assam, where the Government demand upon land has taken the shape of a moderate land tax, it has not unduly trench'd upon the resources of the people nor impeded the accumulation of capital; but where it has been exacted as a rent at rates approaching the highest assessment, cultivators would pay rather than forego cultivation, and which left the mass of the population little more than a bare subsistence, impoverishment, and distress have naturally resulted.

10. I confess I am sceptical as to the share the perpetual settlement has had in producing the superior degree of prosperity enjoyed by Bengal, as contrasted with the condition of the Upper Provinces. I think that the natural advantages of Bengal would suffice to account for even a greater difference; Bengal finds no advantage in the possession of a permanent settlement over the Burmese Provinces or over Assam; Chittagong under the perpetual settlement has not thriven as the adjoining District of Akyab has done under

Khass management, nor here in Assam do we find that the Regulation District of Gowalpara at a settlement of only Rupees 14,000 makes more rapid strides in prosperity than the Non-Regulation District of Kamroop, which lies next to it, and which yields a Land Revenue of upwards of three lakhs and a half. In fact the extension of cultivation has been much less rapid in Gowalpara than in Kamroop. But I shall be told that no one claims for the perpetual settlement that its benefits outweigh the advantages that superiority of soil or position confer on a District or Province, even under a very defective revenue arrangement; to which I answer that there is no better reason for supposing it more powerful the other way to compensate for inferiority of soil and position.

11. What I should chiefly value the perpetual settlement in Bengal, for, is that it superseded the system of farming the revenues, which I regard as the worst of all systems. The position of the ryots under ryotwara management, properly conducted, ought to be as superior to that of ryots under the zemindaree system, as that of the serfs of the Czar was to serfs of proprietors, but the position of the ryots, whose taxes were farmed, when "the farmers were always and every where tyrants, and tyrannised upon system," must have been lamentable.

12. I might recommend a perpetual settlement for Assam, if I thought that the existing Government demand upon land in Assam was so high as not only to require a guarantee that it should not be any further increased, but also a provision for its gradual reduction by the progressive depreciation in the value of money, and the rise in the value of land and produce; or again, I might recommend a perpetual settlement, if I thought the land tax was a bad tax altogether for Assam, and that any increase of taxation should take some other direction. But these are not my opinions. On the contrary I hold a land tax on the ryotwara principle to be the most expedient way of raising a revenue in this Province, and that, from time to time, it should be enhanced as the money value of the proportion of the produce of the soil, of which it is in theory assumed to be the equivalent increased; or, as the price of labor of which it is also assumed to be an equivalent increased. I also look to the enhancement of the land tax as a means of obtaining re-productive works, the increase being re-disbursed among the people, from whom it is taken in the shape of wages for their labor on the work.

13. A consideration of the fluctuating value of money, or rather of the progressive fall in its

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This raises a most interesting question as to how the capacity to bear increased taxation is determined by increased expenditure on the part of Government on labor, also the duty of a Government in backward states of society to effect, by the compulsory aid of the people, improvements which they themselves would be the first to undertake if they were in a more forward state.

value, in a country emerging from barbarism under the guidance of a civilized Government, has led me to conclude that where a permanent settlement is adopted, it ought to fix not an amount in money, but an amount in produce in the principal food staple, to be paid for at what may be ascertained to be an average rate during certain periods. Thus, I would assess an estate in perpetuity for so many hundred maunds of paddy, rated for the next ten years at the average value of paddy for the last ten years.

14. However, I do not wish to see a perpetual settlement either in this or in any other shape in Assam; there must be an increasing demand for expenditure in the Province, and if this should have to be provided for by any increase of local taxation, an addition to the land tax will be the least offensive way of making it; I deeply regret that such a view was not allowed to prevail against the extension of Act XXXII. (Income Tax Act) to Assam. The Province would be no gainer by a bargain that gave it a perpetual settlement and Income Tax, in exchange for its ryotwaree system; a Government which introduced the Income Tax might be expected to favor Khass management in a country where all the people are cultivators; for them, as I have said before, a land tax resolves itself into an Income Tax, but is far easier of ascertainment, far easier to collect, much less repugnant to the people, and much less inquisitorial on the part of Government and subjecting the former to much less exaction, and the latter to much less fraud.

15. Lastly, supposing the expediency of a permanent settlement for Assam were conceded, with whom is the settlement to be made? There are no zemindars, independent talookdars, and other actual proprietors of land in Assam, in the regulation sense of these terms; but the Government is the only actual proprietor of land, subject to the reservation of the right of the ryot or actual cultivator of the soil, whatever they are under the feudal system introduced by the Ahoms, who commenced their conquest of the valley about the beginning of the thirteenth century, "not only the soil, but the subject was the property of the State, the ryot could not dispose of his cultivated land by sale, gift, or even by mortgage, and, though, under us, he has been permitted to alienate it, yet when the local authorities urged that this right should be legally conveyed to him, the Government refused their assent: on this point, they now probably entertain different views, but I imagine that even the recognition of each petty cultivator as the actual proprietor of the soil would not make the conclusion of a permanent settlement with him practicable.

16. Passing next from the consideration of a perpetual settlement to the question of settlements for terms of years, I beg to state that, if by this is meant the leasing of Mehals to farmers of revenue for terms of years, I think the plan a thoroughly bad one; it has been already adopted in Kamroop, where certain Districts have been settled with farmers for periods extending to ten years, and, so far as I can judge, with unsatisfactory results. Such settlements appear to give the Collector far more trouble, to be less beneficial to the State, more exacting and oppressive for the people than the Burmese ryotwaree settlements; Burmese revenue officials are too often negligent and profligate, and, where they dare, oppressive; but from all I hear, there are few Burmese Thoogyees so bad as an average Kamroop Chowdry, who farms a Mouzah or Pergunnah on a ten years' settlement. The Haileybury Professor of Political Economy* traces the perpetual

* The Reverend Richard Jones. settlement to the experiment of farming the revenues. This he says brought matters to a crisis, and I see plainly enough that on a smaller scale a similar crisis is preparing in Kamroop. Of the three parties concerned, the Mouzahdar or

Chowdry, the European head of the District, and the ryot, the first may be assumed to be always working towards bringing about such a change, all his aspirations are for the position of the Bengalee zemindar, and that he may be transmuted into a direct landlord of the ryot. The Deputy Commissioner* again finds the Chowdry a Tehsildar and a Zemindar, both in one, and that he has got a man to deal with, who in his relations to himself and to the ryots, gives him more trouble than the first, and is as irresponsible and independent as the second; as to the ryot, he cannot be worse off than under a farmer, and will acquiesce therefore in any change.

17. The interests of the farmer or ijaradar are not identified with the ryots as those of the Zemindar are, nor is he concerned to forward the interests of the Government as the Burmese Thoogyee is. What we want for the management of such a country as Assam is the employment, in the interior of the country, of native officials who, besides being principally Sub-Collectors of Revenue, shall also more or less exercise powers and represent the Government in every Department, the judicial possibly excepted, and who, beyond being liable for the payment of their revenue kists, shall be held mainly responsible for the peace and well-being of the Circles or Districts of which they have charge: who shall be removable or transferable, and the boundaries of whose jurisdictions shall be enlarged or reduced at pleasure; all this the Thoogyee or Tehsildar is, or may be, but the Chowdry or farmer is not. Some years ago I was instructed to attempt the letting out the fiscal divisions of the country in farms or ijarahs for terms of years in the Tenasserim Provinces, but circumstances prevented the experiment being carried, and from what I have now seen of the working of the plan in Kamroop, I am glad that it was so.

18. I would wish to restore to Kamroop, and to enforce throughout Assam, a Ryotwaree Annual Settlement of the simplest and purest character, and to the exclusion or absorption of all other taxes, the excise excepted; with similar machinery such a tax might be collected and recovered as duties under the Income Tax are, without bringing at all in question the rights of parties connected with the soil. I think the Government should in all cases collect their own taxes, and not farm them, and that their demand for Land Revenue in Assam can, at any rate, be more satisfactorily collected directly than in any other way.

From MAJOR H. HOPKINSON, Commissioner of Assam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces,—(No. 215, dated the 14th April 1862.)

SINCE the despatch of my letter to you, No. 173 of the 21st February last, on the question of the extension of the Perpetual Settlement to Assam, I have often regretted that I did not think of noticing the opinion of Anundoram Phookun about it.

2. Anundoram Phookun was as an Assamese, what Rammohun Roy was as a Bengalee, and looking to his opportunities and difference between Assam and Bengal, he must be regarded as even a more extraordinary man.

3. His opinion is peculiarly valuable as that of an educated Native gentleman who had had ample opportunities of making himself acquainted with the working of the Perpetual Settlement and yet who could be trusted to give an impartial

opinion upon it, not being a Bengal Zemindar himself. This same Anundoram Phookun could see clearly enough the evils of the Perpetual Settlement, but was blind to the greater ones of the *ijarah* system under which he or his family held farms.

4. This is what Anundoram says then—

"To grant to the proprietors and cultivators of lands the means of effecting general improvements in agriculture by increasing the number of reservoirs, embankments, &c., whereby drought, inundation, and other calamities of the season could be provided against, appear to have been (as explained in the preamble to Regulation II. of 1793) 'the primary objects' of the British Government in fixing the Land Revenue of Bengal and other Provinces in perpetuity, and in declaring the proprietary rights of the landholders. Ever since the introduction of the Perpetual Settlement the zemindars have, in the majority of instances, enjoyed as their private and exclusive profit from three to ten times the amount of the public assessment imposed on their estates; and in many instances much more. But the experience of more than half a century has evinced that the 'primary objects' of the Government in creating zemindars have not been attained, and that they remain yet to be fulfilled. We are aware of no one instance in which the zemindars of Bengal have made any fair use of their vast and princely income. The art of agriculture at the present day stands in their estates nearly in the same rude state as it was several centuries back.

"The creation of reservoirs, aqueducts, canals, embankments, roads, or other extensive works for the advancement of agriculture and commerce, are seldom or nowhere to be met with in any part of Bengal, and we cannot forbear observing that in the zemindars immediately bordering on the Province of Assam, there is scarcely a single road fit for foot passage, although the proprietors have, for their private income, more than twenty or thirty times the amount of the public assessment. No further argument, therefore, appears necessary to prove that the Perpetual Settlement has only served to place a few zemindars in indolent ease at the expense of the population. It has afforded them means to administer to their individual pleasures; it has enabled them to entertain hosts of indolent retainers; to vest themselves with awful powers over their helpless ryots; and lastly, it has been the sole cause of those sanguinary private wars, way and club fights, which are so often carried on in all Bengal with impunity and in spite of all law. Results similar to these must also ensue from the introduction of a Perpetual Settlement into Assam. Had the Government even one-fourth of the present income of the zemindars at its disposal, to be laid out in the improvement of the country, Bengal would certainly have opened a different aspect by this time. We, therefore, sincerely hope that the Government will bless Assam with a system which, while it will lay the foundation for progressive improvements by holding out reasonable encouragement to the persons entrusted with the management of lands, may obviate the mischiefs of a Permanent Settlement similar to the one introduced into Bengal."

5. If there is one change of opinion on which we may confidently reckon before many years are over, it is that of a re-action in favor of ryotware

tenure, and I hope that when this good time comes the Government may not be prevented by any other engagement from taking advantage of it

in Assam. I have read with much

feeling of agreement what Mr. W. R. Cassel writes, in his Report on Cotton Culture* in the Bombay Presidency, of the recent Resolution of the Governor General of India in regard to the sale of Waste Lands, and I would earnestly commend it to the Board's attention.

From S. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces,—(No. 1674, dated Fort William, the 26th April 1867.)

Your letter No. 151B., dated the 10th January last, and its enclosure, having been duly considered by the Lieutenant-Governor, I am desired in reply to state that His Honor agrees with the Commissioner of Assam in thinking it inexpedient to grant a perpetual or even a long lease of any Mouzahi in the Province in which the land is already occupied by ryots, or to create rights intermediate between the ryot and the Government, which have at present no existence.

2. However desirable it may be to encourage the settlement of Europeans in the Province, and to dispose of the waste lands on terms which may act as an inducement to them to expend capital on its clearance and cultivation, and on the development of its agricultural and mineral capabilities, it certainly would not, the Lieutenant-Governor thinks, be expedient to invest them with the duties and responsibilities of Mouzahdars, a class of officers whose business, as the Commissioner justly observes, is not wholly fiscal, and a great part of whose functions not only cannot be performed vicariously, but are of a subordinate executive nature such as no large landed proprietor, whether he be an absentee or not, and least of all an European absentee proprietor, could satisfactorily or indeed possibly perform.

3. To create "a body of landed proprietors" in the sense apparently intended by the Board, "by the assignment of leases for long periods to be eventually converted into permanent holdings, simply on a theoretical view of the advantages which may be supposed to arise from the existence of large properties, and the possession of territorial influence by these owners, would be a course which, supposing it to be strictly just to the ryots who now cultivate the lands and hold them by a right of occupancy, on condition of paying rent at rates determinable only by the State, and practically fixed for long periods, is hardly justified by the experience of the permanent settlement in Bengal, and is certainly not calculated to answer any useful practical purpose in such a Province as Assam.

4. Where the agriculture of a country is in an advanced state, and where its improvement is likely to be brought about by a system of high farming on a large scale worked by a body of skilled and intelligent capitalists, it is, I am to observe, of course very desirable that, within certain limits, the lands should be held by large proprietors; and the grant of waste lands on long leases or in fee simple, in tracts not exceeding 3,000 acres in extent, is calculated to give this system a fair trial in India wherever it can be applied with advantage.

5. But where the soil is held by cultivators having a right to occupy it on payment of rent to the Government, it does not appear to the Lieutenant-Governor that any useful object is gained by interposing between the Government and the ryot, a proprietor or farmer, whose sole business in that capacity is to collect the rents from the ryots and make what profit he can out of the rent after satisfying the Government demand.

6. It is in every way a preferable course to give the actual occupant of the soil, whether he be an European Tea Planter holding on lease an estate which he has reclaimed from jungle and which may comprise some thousand acres, or a ryot cultivating a few acres of rice or garden land, as secure and certain a tenure as can be conferred upon him, subject to the payment of revenue to the Government at rates fixed for long periods, and to preserve a clear distinction between the rights and obligations of proprietorship and the duties of fiscal and official administration.

7. When Mr. Mills proposed that the settlements with the Mouzahdars, instead of being for short periods, should be for twenty years, he does not appear to have intended that any rights of proprietorship should be conferred on this class of Officers. On the contrary, it was part of his plan that the Mouzahdars, though ordinarily hereditary, should still be liable to dismissal by the Commissioner for gross mismanagement.

8. The Board have already been desired to report on the Commissioner's proposal for a revision of the present rates of rent throughout Assam, and this matter should be pressed forward without reference to any possible or probable changes of system: but the progress of the survey now demands that the whole question of the settlement and revenue system of Assam should be taken up and settled on clear and well defined principles, and the Board are requested to give the subject their early consideration, and to report, for the information and orders of the Government, the course which, in their opinion, ought to be taken with that view.

9. It will probably seem advisable to the Board that the revision should be undertaken district by district, a beginning being made with Kamroop, where the demarcation of Mouzahs has been completed and where the professional survey has made the greatest progress. The information contained in Mr. Mills's report, which did not profess to present more than the result of a cursory inspection of the Province, undertaken with the view of indicating points for further enquiry, though extremely valuable as far as it goes, is not sufficient to enable the Government to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion on any of the points involved in a proper revision of the existing mode of settlement, and the establishment of a revenue and administrative system on a sound basis; and it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor that the only effectual way of obtaining the necessary data is to depute a special Officer to enquire into and report fully upon the whole subject. Neither the Commissioner nor the District Officer has time to devote to this important duty; but they will, of course, be able to render the special Settlement Officer valuable assistance, in the way both of information and of advice, in the prosecution of his enquiry.

10. The main principles upon which, in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor,—subject of course to farther and full consideration, and the

approval of the Government of India,—the revenue system of Assam should be based, are:—

1st.—That settlements should not be made with the Mouzahdars, but that these should be regarded simply as administrative Officers charged with the collection of the revenue, and with such other executive functions as may be assigned to them. It may be convenient, in order to avoid confusion, that they should be called Tehsildars.

2nd.—That the Tehsildars should not be hereditary, and that they should be removable for misconduct or incapacity by the Commissioner.

3rd.—That the Mouzahs should be so arranged and combined as to divide the district into convenient territorial sections with reference to area and revenue, so that each Tehsildar should receive a remuneration sufficient for his services, and that the extent of his duty should be as much as an officer in that position may be expected to perform.

4th.—That the Tehsildars should be bound in all cases to reside within the limits of their jurisdictions.

5th.—That the settlement should be made with resident ryots and at rates determinable from time to time by the Government, and for such periods as may be thought expedient, and that, subject to the payment of such rents, the tenure of every ryot should be hereditary and transferable, and that the same rule should be applied to all ryots and others holding lands on cultivation leases subject to the express conditions of the lease.

6th.—That all grants of waste land in fee simple and all large leases should be included for administrative purposes within the limits of a Tehsildaree, but that in the case of leases, it should be optional with the holder to pay his revenue either to the Tehsildar or direct to the Collector.

7th.—That the settlement of *chapooree* lands and of all lands occupied by non-resident ryots or newly brought into cultivation should be made annually by the Tehsildar on the result of actual measurement; and that every facility should be given to the occupation of such lands (wherever possible) by resident ryots with transferable and hereditary rights.

8th.—That the ryots of each village, or cluster of villages, should be required to appoint a head man to assist the Tehsildar in collecting the rents and pointing out lands newly brought into cultivation, and to be responsible for reporting crime and apprehending offenders, and for furnishing all information that may be required of him.

11. With these remarks the Lieutenant-Governor desires me to commend this important subject to the Board's careful attention, and to request that a full expression of their views may be communicated to the Government as soon as possible.

No. 1675.

COPY of this correspondence forwarded to the Government of India, in the Home Department, for information, with reference to the Secretary Mr. E. C. Bayley's letter No. 1527, dated the 31st August 1865.

From T. B. LANE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal.—(No. 3219B., dated Fort William, the 18th June 1867.)

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of Government Orders Nos. 1135 and 1674, dated respectively the 6th March and 28th April last, the former calling for a report from the Board on the proposal of the Commissioner of Assam to revise the present rates of assessment throughout the province, and the latter desiring a full expression of the Board's views on the subject of the revision of the existing mode of settlement, and the establishment of a proper system of revenue administration in that province.

2. The question of raising the land assessment of Assam was last specially considered by the Board in 1861. In May of that year Major Hopkinson proposed that the "land tax" should be doubled, and the increased revenue so obtained be spent in works of public utility. In July the Board reported on this proposal, having already considered it in connection with a report which they had received from Colonel Jenkins, the late Commissioner.

3. Generally the land was treated of in two classes: "Roopit" or rice lands, and "other lands." With regard to Roopit lands the District Officers had all recommended an increase; in Durrung and Nowgong from Rupee 1-6 to Rupee 1-8 per *poorah*, or 9 per cent.; in Sebsaugor and Luckimpore from Rupee 1-4 to Rupee 1-8, or 20 per cent., the rate in Kamroop remaining at its existing figure of Rupee 1-8 per *poorah*. The Board, however, agreed with the late Commissioner in recommending that the rates for Roopit lands should not be raised. These lands, already taxed higher than "other lands," required more care and labor, and were more exposed to risk from bad seasons and inundations. It was at the same time of great importance to encourage the rice crop as much as possible; and the migratory habits of the population, arising from the facilities for taking up new lands for cultivation, rendered it, in the Board's opinion, altogether inexpedient that the rate on Roopit lands should be increased. In this view Government finally agreed.

4. In regard to "other lands" the Board entirely agreed with the District Officers and the late Commissioner that the rates might be raised in Nowgong and Durrung from Rupee 1 to 1-2, or about 12 per cent., in Sebsaugor from 14 annas to Rupee 1, or about 14 per cent, and in Luckimpore from 12 annas to Rupee 1, or about 33 per cent., more valuable crops, the price of which had also latterly greatly risen, being grown on these "other lands." More than this the Board were not then prepared to recommend, in view of the recent stoppage of Opium cultivation, and "the existing and prospective impost of assessed taxes." Under Government Order No. 956A., dated the 9th September 1861, this proposed increase in the assessment of "other lands" was accordingly sanctioned.

5. The Board estimated the probable increase of revenue from the higher rates of "other lands" to be Rupees 40,000, but, on referring to the results of the succeeding years, it seems impossible to ascertain, without special reference to the district authorities, the effect of the measure then proposed by them.

6. It will be seen from the annexed Statement that in 1861-62, the year in which the order for

augmenting the rates of assessment was made there was an increase of Rupees 60,000, which could hardly have been caused by that order, but must have been derived from new cultivation. In 1862-63, there was an increase of only Rupees 18,000, in 1863-64 of Rupees 46,000 more, or Rupees 64,000 over 1861-62, and in 1864-65, a further increase of Rupees 18,000, or Rupees 77,000 over 1861-62.

7. In 1864-65 orders were issued for a change in the manner of making up the Assam Land Revenue Accounts, and this resulted in an increase of Rupees 1,75,000 in the nominal gross revenue in 1865-66, as explained in the Board's Annual Report for that year. In addition to this amount, however, there was an increase of about Rupees 55,000 in 1865-66.

8. In his present report Colonel Hopkinson has fully entered into the question. He first combats the position taken by his predecessor with regard to difference of rates in each district of the Division, repeating now the objection which was then raised by the District Officers that the lighter assessment of one district would probably draw away the ryots of the heavier assessed neighbouring district. The objection must have been probably tested after the increase of assessment in 1861-62, but there is nothing before the Board to shew whether the District Officers were right in taking this ground. If Colonel Hopkinson's figures in his 4th paragraph are accurate, there is now no reason for making any difference in the rates of assessment by districts.

9. In naming the rates which he proposes, Colonel Hopkinson adds a third denomination of land which has long been known in Bengal Settlements, and which, as Assam cultivation and population extend, must become as distinctive there. A separate and highest rate may fairly be demanded for "homestead and garden" lands, and Rupee 1 per beegah, as here recommended, equal to Rupees 3 per *poorah*, would not be too high.

10. For Roopit land a rate of 10 annas per beegah, or Rupee 1-14 per *poorah*, is now proposed, being an increase of 50 per cent. in Sebsaugor and Luckimpore, about 36 per cent. in Nowgong and Durrung, and 25 per cent. in Kamroop. The Board notice, however, that Colonel Hopkinson does not refer, in his present report, to any of the objections made in 1861 to the increase of 'Roopit' rates. He only argues generally that in its increased state of prosperity, the Province will bear fairly an increased assessment. The necessity for securing a large supply of rice was the principal reason formerly adduced for not increasing the rates on Roopit. But this appears to be no longer a tenable argument. Rice is now in such great demand that, even at greatly enhanced prices, the article holds its own against imports from other districts, and the producer is, as he has for some time been, in a position to bear an increase in the Government demand.

11. In regard to "other lands," now distinguished by Colonel Hopkinson as *Faringatter*, he proposes a uniform increase to Rupee 1-8 per *poorah*, that is, at the rate of three beegahs to one *poorah*. To this increase of 50 and 33 per cent. in Sebsaugor, Luckimpore, and Nowgong, and Durrung respectively, the Board are aware of no objection.

12. The Board are in favor of the Commissioner using and acting on his discretion in raising the rates of assessment in the several districts, reporting results only to the Board.

13. With regard to Government order No. 1674, cited above, I am directed to observe that the Board are not prepared at present to report on the proposals there made for the first time for a change of the revenue system in Assam. They will reply to its 10th and 11th paragraphs hereafter, on receipt of the Commissioner's report in the matter, but meanwhile they strongly support the proposal for the deputation of a Settlement Officer to undertake the settlement of Kamroop, as suggested in paragraph 9 of the Government Order. The survey of this district embracing the tract of country on the North of the River Berhampoor, extend-

ing from Gowhatty on the East to Gawalparah on the West, is next to complete this season. 986 square miles, comprising 769 villages, were surveyed during the season 1865-66, and the operations have since been extended in a northerly direction over the Bijnee and other Doars. The demarcation of the Bijnee Doar villages on the North of the Berhampooter, and of all the lands South of the river, 641 villages in all, was completed in 1865-66, embracing an area of 1,800 square miles. The settlement in the current season of boundary disputes between certain talpatters and Mouzadars on the South of the Berhampooter, and the demarcation of eighteen grants in Kamroop, will complete the work. The revision of the settlements in this district may therefore be easily and advantageously first taken in hand.

Statement shewing the Land Revenue Demand of Assam (exclusive of Gawalparah) in each of the year 1859-60, 1860-61, 1861-62, 1862-63, 1863-64, 1864-65, and 1865-66.

Districts.	1859-60.	1860-61.	1861-62.	1862-63.	1863-64.	1864-65.	1865-66.
Cossyah and Jynteah Hills	1,534	205	1,377	1,377	1,377	328	2,308
Durrung	1,55,01	1,48,768	1,55,683	1,55,823	1,63,555	1,65,282	1,94,846
Kamroop	3,36,138	3,54,655	3,67,816	3,67,270	3,65,352	3,63,032	4,25,163
Luckimpore	48,956	53,867	58,176	61,082	87,149	77,157	1,13,651
Nowgong	1,57,211	1,62,000	1,72,442	1,71,441	1,72,251	1,77,907	2,16,660
Sebsagur	1,36,481	1,37,117	1,60,583	1,77,339	1,90,872	2,10,064	2,70,937
Total	8,35,338	8,56,612	9,16,077	9,31,332	9,80,556	9,93,770	12,23,565

From E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to H. L. DAMPIER, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, (No. 2818, dated Simla, the 27th July 1867.)

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of the correspondence on the subject of the land revenue system of Assam, forwarded with your Office endorsement No. 1675, dated the 26th April last.

2. The Governor General in Council, I am desired to say, presumes that the remarks contained in Mr. Officiating Secretary S. C. Bayley's letter to the Board of Revenue No. 1674, dated the 26th April, express the views entertained on the subject by the late Lieutenant-Governor. If this is the case, His Excellency in Council would be glad to be informed whether they are concurred in by His Honor the present Lieutenant-Governor. I am at the same time desired to point out that this correspondence does not contain the information asked for in the letters from this Office No. 1527, dated the 31st August 1865, and No. 3498, dated the 6th April last, and to request that it may be stated, for the information of His Excellency in Council, what is the length of the existing settlements in Assam, and when they will generally expire.

3. His Excellency in Council gathers from various expressions in Mr. Mills' Report on Assam, that certain portions of the Province have already been surveyed, and would wish to be exactly informed to what extent this has been done, whether there is any intention of re-surveying these portions or not, and, if there is, what are the reasons which render a re-survey necessary.

4. With reference to the correspondence now forwarded, I am directed to state that the Governor General in Council entirely approves of the action taken by the Commissioner of Assam

and the Government of Bengal in rejecting the offer made by Messrs. Jenkins and Goodenough to take a perpetual farm of certain Mouzahs. Such an arrangement, if it had been carried out, must, His Excellency in Council thinks, have proved injurious to the village occupants, and in all probability subversive of the rights and interests they now possess in the soil, while it would have destroyed their present comparatively independent position, and reduced them to the condition of cultivators dependent upon the will of those gentlemen and their successors.

5. His Excellency in Council also concurs in the spirit of the 9th, 9th, and 10th paragraphs of your Office letter to the Board of Revenue above-mentioned; but the following points seem to require consideration, and I am accordingly to request that they may be brought to His Honor's notice.

6. If the survey of Assam is being conducted for revenue purposes, His Excellency in Council thinks that a Settlement Officer, assuming the District Officers to be unable to undertake the duty, would have been appointed simultaneously with the commencement of the survey, so that the khusrchs or field measurements might have progressed, if they were to be undertaken at all, *pari passu* with the survey. Unless this is done, the Governor General in Council is convinced that great discrepancies will become apparent hereafter between them, and that the survey itself will practically prove of little real value for purposes of settlement. Bearing this in mind, and assuming that the present settlements have nearly expired, I am to suggest that it deserves consideration whether fresh settlements for a moderate term of, say seven or ten years, founded on local enquiry of a general character, and checked by the survey returns, might not be made. But if the present

settlements have still some years to run, khusrehs, might be prepared, and settlements made, to take effect (where the revenue is increased) from the expiry of the existing settlements. The Governor General in Council doubts, however, whether this measure would be necessary, except where the occupancy and the cultivation are both of a permanent character, but whenever it may be necessary to secure its prompt and efficient execution, an Officer should be selected for the duty, who has had some previous training, and understands the duties with which he will be entrusted. This Officer should commence operations at once under the direction and control of the Commissioner of the Province, and should, of course, ask for orders, when necessary, from the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of the District, and be in close communication with them. His real duties, however, would consist in working out the settlement, and not in merely reporting for orders. It would be advisable perhaps to begin with one settlement Officer in one district, and as his work progresses and is considered satisfactory, a second District may perhaps be commenced by a separate Officer. And if this settlement should give general satisfaction, it perhaps might be extended after a few years.

7. As regards the principles laid down in the 10th paragraph of the letter under notice, the Governor General in Council is doubtful whether a Mouzahdar should be reduced to the status of a mere Tehsildar. If the Mouzahdar has no land of his own in the Mouzah, if he is a stranger, or a mere farmer, having no local or hereditary connection with the Mouzah, the Governor General in Council cannot see that any thing would be gained by the continuance of the Mouzahdaree system in any place where the occupants of the soil can be induced to take up their own settlements on reasonable terms. Where the Mouzahdar, however, is himself partly an occupier or proprietor of the land, and partly the manager of the whole of it in behalf of the other occupiers, he might engage with the State in his own behalf as well as in behalf of the others. The whole body of the occupiers would thus form a village community, with interests, to a great extent, in common. In this case, the land in the possession of each person, and the sums to be paid by each, with the allowance to the Mouzahdar or manager, should be recorded, while the profit or loss on the cultivation of such parts of the waste lands allotted to the village or Mouzah as might be broken up during the progress of the settlement, might be divided *pro rata*, on the occupants, or the profit might be the perquisite of the Mouzahdar in return for his responsibility for any failure on the part of an occupier to pay his annual quota of the State demand.

8. Where the cultivation, however, is so fugitive and uncertain that no reliance can be placed on the continued occupation of the cultivators, the settlement might be made absolutely with the Mouzahdar, in the first instance as farmer, with the promise of the proprietary rights if his management should prove successful. Where, on the other hand, the occupiers are permanent, but are not willing to engage for the profit or loss of their respective quotas of revenue, the Mouzahdar would be simply the farmer, bound to collect only the quota of revenue of each occupier of land, but enjoying the profit of the breaking up of such portions of the waste land within the village

boundaries as he might be able to reclaim during the settlement. His Excellency in Council does not consider that any advantage would be gained by changing the designation of "Mouzahdar" to "Tehsildar." Such changes are never of any real advantage, and only lead to confusion. The real point for decision is the definition of the Mouzahdar's rights, duties, and responsibilities. He should, in the opinion of His Excellency in Council, be in the same position as the Sudder Malgoozar in the North-Western Provinces, who may be sole proprietor, co-sharer, village representative, or farmer, as the case may be, while a Tehsildar, on the other hand, is a Collector, and, under any circumstances, the term seems inapplicable to the Mouzahdar.

9. As regards the emoluments to be allowed to the Mouzahdars, I am directed to say that it is not usual in other Provinces to give a percentage on the revenue to the Sudder Malgoozars or village managers; but as this seems to have been the rule hitherto observed in Assam, it does not appear to be expedient to make any change. It is immaterial to the State whether the profits of the management form, in the first instance, a deduction from the assets before the assessments are declared, or are subsequently paid out of the latter. All that need be cared for is that while the assessments are really moderate, they approach also to what is a fair demand on the part of the State, due regard being had to local circumstances.

10. The Governor General in Council believes that it would be sound policy to declare the permanent occupiers of the soil, what they no doubt were originally, *viz.*, the proprietors of their lands, subject of course to a fair revenue. This in the opinion of His Excellency in Council, will be the first step towards any great improvement in the country.

11. There are, it is believed, no Tehsildars or Tehsildary Divisions of Districts in Assam, and, if this belief is correct, it seems to be a matter well worthy of consideration whether they should not be established. They should not, in the first instance at any rate, be so large as they now are in the North-Western Provinces, but a commencement might be made with circles of from a lakh to a lakh and a quarter, or even a lakh and a half of rupees. The Tehsildars might also be made Moonsiffs and Superintendents of Police within their jurisdictions. A suitable machinery would thus be established for the management and supervision of the revenue and the tenures of land, and for a check on the Mouzahdars, while the District Officers, relieved of such details, which they are ill able to manage, would have more leisure for more important duties. Perhaps, after a time, this system would admit of some reduction in the superior administrative machinery of the Province.

12. In conclusion I am desired to say that His Excellency in Council hopes that if these suggestions are carried out as far as practicable, the condition of the people will be very materially benefited, while the general control of the Officers of the Government will be considerably strengthened. In particular, the tenures of land will be placed on a proper footing, while the yeomen of the country will be preserved, and at the same time scope and opportunity given for the growth of larger landholders.

From LIEUTENANT-COLONEL HENRY HOPKINSON, Commissioner of Assam, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—(No. 342, dated Gowhatty, the 21st September 1867.)

I HAVE the honor to return herewith letter No. 2818, dated Simla, the 27th July 1867, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to your office, with annexures as noted in the margin, on the subject of the land revenue of Assam, and which was placed in my hands by the Hon'ble the Lieutenant Governor for perusal and report.

2. With reference to the 2nd paragraph of Mr. S. C. Bayley's letter, I beg to express my humble concurrence in the fiscal policy sketched out in Bengal Government letter No. 1674, dated the 26th April 1867. I would wish to see a revision of the land Revenue system of the Province of Assam carried out exactly on the basis of the propositions set forth in the 10th paragraph of that letter. I annex a statement shewing the length of the existing settlements in Assam. It will be observed that out of a total of 983 settlements of mouzahs, there remain only two settled for more than five years, and only 47 of more than one year, so that practically it may be said that the Government is at present unfettered by any engagements on this head.

3. Upon the 3rd paragraph of the Government of India's letter, I have to report that the Districts of Kamroop, Nowgong, Durrung and Sebsaugor, and partially even Luckimpore, were surveyed between the years 1828 and say 1846. The survey was conducted mouzahwar, or village by village, on a scale of 20 chains to the inch, but by a rude method, the Bengal Magnetic Compass being, I believe, the only instrument employed under the local Civil Authorities. These Mouzahwar Maps, copies of which still exist in the District Offices, were forwarded to the Surveyor-General's Office for examination, when great discrepancies were discovered in them, and no data about them was forthcoming. From this explanation it will be perceived why, if survey operations were again to be resumed in Assam, a re-survey of what had already been done but incompletely, was necessary.

4. In April 1862 I proposed a survey of the Waste Lands in Assam, but going home sick, this proposition was superseded by a recommendation made by my successor, Colonel Haughton, in September 1862, and approved of by the Government of Bengal, that the whole of Assam should be re-surveyed, and accordingly a re-survey was ordered on the Bengal system of a previous demarcation survey under a Superintendent of Survey, followed by a professional revenue survey.

5. The demarcation parties have now demarcated Kamroop, Sebsaugor, very nearly the whole of Nowgong, and a considerable portion of Luckimpore. I believe that this separate demarcation survey should have been dispensed with in Assam; no doubt there are estates of various kinds in Assam requiring demarcating, but they are nothing like in the same proportion, nor do they exhibit the same complexity which I am told obtains in Bengal, and I am convinced that they would have been best dealt with by the professional survey party demarcating them, which

would have saved a great expense, if not waste of money. I would now recommend the adoption of this course with what remains to be done, more particularly as the tracts remaining to be demarcated include a very large proportion of waste, and a very small proportion of lakhiraj or semi-lakhiraj land requiring demarcating. I may further state that I lately held a conference at Deb-rooghur with the Professional Surveyor, Lieutenant Barron, the Superintendent of Surveys, Mr. L. B. B. King, and the Deputy Commissioner, Major Stewart, who has given very much attention to the same subject in Cachar, and we unanimously agreed that the separate demarcation parties under Mr. King might be safely broken up, and what there was of demarcating remaining to be done transferred to the Professional Survey, and I solicit it may be understood as a definite proposition that I recommend that this be now done.

6. It has been found quite impossible in Assam to adjust the proper interval between the demarcating and the professional survey operations. There is often found so little to demarcate, and the demarcation survey thus gets so far ahead of the professional survey, that the thaks, or temporary land-marks, left by the former for the guidance of the professional survey, disappear under swiftly destructive influence of the climate of Assam with its rains and floods, before the latter can make use of them. Thus even in Kamroop, where there was more demarcating work to perform than elsewhere, the professional survey is more than a year, and will probably soon be two years behind the demarcation survey.

7. The professional survey has, I understand, not yet broken ground on the south side of Kamroop, nor at all in Nowgong, but has pretty well finished with Sebsaugor and has made some progress in Luckimpore. Durrung has neither been demarcated nor professionally surveyed.

8. With reference to the 6th paragraph of the Government of India's letter, I understand it to be clearly the object of the present survey that it is to answer revenue purposes, and so far as that it defines the areas of villages within which the measurements for assessment have to be made by the Mouzahdars, it answers the end proposed. I think, however, that there are large tracts in every district of permanent cultivation where the Surveyor, in addition to his own scientific operations, might well carry on the khusrah measurement of land, and I would have the Professional Survey at once instructed that they are to shew every species of land "under cultivation," "thrown out of cultivation," "fit for cultivation," "waste or jungle," "sites of villages and gardens." They already show separately "sites of villages," "waste or jungle" and "culturable land," including in the latter "land under and thrown out of cultivation;" and Lieutenant Butler, the Professional Surveyor of Kamroop, informs me, if I understand him rightly, that he could easily give the additional details I suggest, both for his past and for his future work.

9. Furnished with such maps, we should, I think, be able to exercise an efficient check over the returns of the Mouzahdars. I do not see my way yet clearly to the employment of a Settlement Officer in the Province, and out of the present system of annual assessment levied on each individual ryot; but, if anywhere, the

introduction of settlements for terms of years should be tried in Kamroop, and Captain Sherer, the Deputy Commissioner of Kamroop, will make enquiries on this point during the present cold season.

10. With reference to paragraph 7, I submit that there is no question of the reduction of a Mouzahdar to the status of a mere Tehsildar, since his actual position is generally rather below than above that of a Tehsildar, so far as that he has a smaller charge. The best Mouzahdars have little or no land of their own in their mouzahs, and are constantly without local or hereditary connection with them; they are simply Tax Collectors, and might, as observed, be dispensed with if the occupants of the soil could be induced to take up their own settlements, of which, however, I see at present little chance. There is one other use of the Mouzahdar, however, that they everywhere represent our administration and are bound to stand or fall by it; they constitute an official aristocracy in the interior of the country of our own creation, and we have none but them to trust to, to know what is going on; for our Police for the most part are as much foreigners as ourselves, and know less of the province and the people. In British Burmah, where the circumstances are the same, it has been found necessary to have the Thoogyee precisely what the Mouzahdar is with us in Assam. We consider it a positive disqualification that a Mouzahdar should have any considerable stake in land within his mouzah, and he is never a manager on behalf of other persons. It is most important to remember, as was pointed out by General Jenkins, that "with regard also to the manner of levying the taxes, it may be necessary to observe that, as far as has fallen under my observation, there is no germ of any village community in any part of Assam."

"Every ryot is equal to and independent of every other ryot of whatever caste, and there never were village servants. All Collectors of taxes from the highest Phokun to the lowest Bora of a village were officers of Government, and were liable to dismissal, though in most instances a successor to a vacant appointment caused by death was generally taken from the same family."

11. It has not been found to answer to let the Mouzahdar have any perquisite beyond his commission on collections, neither in permanently cultivated tracts, nor where the cultivation is fugitive and uncertain, as described in paragraph 8 of the Government of India's letter. The Mouzahdar is spoiled when he is allowed to become anything like a farmer of revenue to any extent whatever. It is a mistake even to regard him as a person who can directly increase cultivation. He may prevent increase by corrupt or oppressive conduct, and so far an improgessive mouzah implies bad management; but otherwise increase of cultivation should be looked to depend entirely on the spontaneous action of the ryot, who may be safely depended upon to increase it, where it is his interest to do so. The Mouzahdars must be regarded simply as administrative officers charged with the collection of the revenue, and with such executive functions as may be assigned them, and I see no objection to their being called Tehsildars. The change will not cause confusion in Assam; and out of it, I think, it will prevent the confusion which the term "Mouzahdar" has hitherto invariably created.

12. I have said in a previous part of this letter that I did not quite see my way to the employment of a "Settlement Officer" properly so called in Assam, but I think it would be well worth while to consider whether a special officer, familiar with the mode of land revenue assessment in British Burmah, or a Madras fiscal officer skilled in the ryotwarree system of that Presidency, might not, with great advantage, be deputed to Kamroop to enquire into and report upon the ryotwarree settlements made there, and what improvements could be effected. Sir Arthur Phayre had some Special Officers employed on a similar duty in British Burmah, and perhaps one of these might be found available.

13. Meanwhile, I would respectfully urge that the settlement, on clear and defined principles of the revenue system of Assam need not interfere with a revision of the present rates of rent or assessment throughout Assam, and that this may be carried out at once on the basis of the proposals made by me in No. 173, dated the 14th June 1865, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal. I will not here repeat the arguments I made use of in that letter, nor the detailed explanations I gave, but I extract the following memorandum, shewing at a glance the rates now current in the Districts of Assam as also those which I would recommend should be introduced:—

DISTRICT.	RATES NOW IN FORCE PER BEEGAH.		PROPOSED RATES PER • BEEGAH.			
	Ryot or low paddy land.	Other land.	Bustee, home- stead or gar- den land.	Ryot or low paddy land.	Furrowed or mustard dry weather crop lands.	
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	
Kamroop ...	0 6 0	0 4 0	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0	
Durrung ...	0 5 6	0 4 6	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0	
Nowgong ...	0 5 6	0 4 6	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0	
Seebaugor ...	0 5 0	0 4 0	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0	
Luckimpore...	0 5 0	0 4 0	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0	

The present land revenue of Assam amounts in round figures to Rupees 11,50,000, and I estimate that the increased rates I have proposed will, when fully carried out, raise it to about Rupees 24 laes.

14. In the event of this proposed increase of rates receiving the sanction of Government, I should be glad that the Board's suggestion in favor of the Commissioner using and acting on his discretion in carrying out details of the measure, within such time and in such manner as he may find expedient and reporting results only to the Board, will be adopted.

15. The people of the country have been long expecting an increase in the rates of assessment and are prepared for it, and it is probable that the measure now proposed might be carried out simultaneously throughout the whole province without creating the scandal of a single disturbance, but I cannot give an absolute guarantee that this would be the case. The doubling the rent of a whole people cannot be expected to be a popular measure, and in particular quarters which are either remote or where the cultivators are somewhat turbulent in disposition, or where they have young officers over them, feelings

dissatisfaction might find expression in overt acts, if the increase of rates was made too suddenly and too generally; but I do not think we should have any trouble, any where if the Commissioner were allowed to commence the measure with those officers who have the greatest influence, and in those districts or parts of districts most prepared to receive the innovation, and then, when once we had got the change quietly established in such places, the rest of the province would accept them without demur.

16. Kamroop is the largest district in Assam, the most populous, and which yields the largest revenue; it is the district to which the other districts most look, which, if such a term can be applied in such a case, most leads public opinion, while at the same time it is the district best under control and most amenable to authority. I should like therefore to begin at once with Kamroop and impose the increased rates therein, and I should have the assistance of Captain Shearer, the Deputy Commissioner, than whom a better officer for introducing a measure of the kind I do not know, and from whom I have already received assurances of his readiness to carry it out, and his confidence that it can be executed with complete success.

17. At the same time I would place myself in communication with the other district officers, and as circumstances would appear to require, arrange with them the introduction of the increased rates simultaneously with Kamroop, or only after they had been carried out in Kamroop, and either wholly or partially in each district.

18. It might be found desirable even to confine the introduction of the increased rates at first to those mouzahs which lie within a certain radius, say of 10 miles from the Sudder Station.

19. But what I would desire to express is, that, while making the rates I have proposed, the fixed end to be obtained, the Commissioner should be allowed considerable latitude as to the manner in which he felt his way to that end.

20. Meanwhile, I hope it will be understood that I submit it as a definite proposition, that the Deputy Commissioner of Kamroop be allowed to make his next assessments, i.e., those for 1868-69, at the enhanced rates generally throughout his district.

21. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Government of India's letter, I beg to say that I think that the manner in which the Mouzahdars are remunerated had better continue for the present.

22. Upon paragraph 10 I observe that, without entering upon the question of the policy of declaring the permanent occupiers of the soil the proprietors of their lands, I am satisfied that they do not at present look or care for such a declaration. I doubt if they can conceive of a more perfect tenure than that which they have already got. I believe it also to be tolerably well ascertained that they never have been "proprietors of their lands," and that Mr. Mills's statement is correct, under the curious feudal system introduced by the Ahoms in the 13th century, not only the soil but the subject himself was held to be the property of the State.

23. With reference to paragraph 11, I have to explain that it has been supposed hitherto in Assam that a Mouzahdar or Chowdry corresponded to a Tehsildar. But a Tehsildar charged with the collection of a lac, or a lac and a half of Rupees, and who was also a Moonsiff and Superintendent of Police, almost represents the position of our sub-divisional officers. Our sub-divisions would in the North-Western Provinces be really considered, I suppose, as mere Tehsildars.

Statement shewing the existing Settlements in the Province of Assam.

DESCRIPTION.	KAMROOP.		DURRUNG.		NOWGONG.		SEBSAUGOR.		LUCKIMPORE.		TOTAL.	
	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.
Mouzahs settled for more than five years...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2,065
Mouzahs under five and more than one year	37	3,71,819	9	29,552	1	560	1	4,842	47	4,06,213	47	4,06,213
Mouzahs under annual settlement ...	193	10,57,525	258	6,75,068	258	5,83,727	131	8,90,492	146	3,91,520	934	35,98,332
Total	230	14,29,344	207	5,85,232	268	7,05,180	132	8,95,334	146	3,91,520	983	40,06,610

H. HOPKINSON,
Commissioner of Assam.

From H. L. HARRISON, Esq., Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Officiating Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces,—(No. 3720, dated Fort William, the 15th October 1867.)

With reference to your letter No. 3219B., dated the 18th June last, I am directed

From Government of India, Home Department, No. 2818, dated 27th July.

From Commissioner of Assam, No. 342, dated 21st ultimo.

to forward herewith, for the Board's information, a copy of the marginally noted correspondence, on the subject of the Land Revenue system of Assam, and to state that the Lieutenant-Governor apprehends that the Board, in paragraph 12 of their letter under reference, have assented virtually to Colonel Hopkinson's proposal, for raising the rates of assessment in that Province.

2. It will be convenient, the Lieutenant-Governor thinks, if, instead of carrying on any further written correspondence, the Members of the Board will be good enough to discuss the matter verbally with His Honor in Calcutta. The Lieutenant-Governor now refers merely to the question of settlement—that of survey being (His Honor hopes) settled.

3. The two chief points of interest in respect of the settlement appears to the Lieutenant-Governor to be as follows :—

1st.—The exact position in which the ryots should be placed; (a) as regards the nature of their tenure, (b) as regards their relation to the State, i. e., whether a pure ryot-waree system shall be adopted with simply a collector of revenue (a Tehsildar) between the ryots and Government, or whether an attempt shall be made to establish men of influence from among the ryots or representative men by entrusting to them the collection of the revenues, and by giving them certain privileges and authority. As regards this latter point the Board will doubtless notice the opinion quoted by Colonel Hopkinson as having been given by the late Commissioner, Colonel Jenkins. The 2nd point is that of the rate of assessment.

4. The suggestion contained in paragraph 12 of Colonel Hopkinson's letter for the appointment of a special settlement officer also requires consideration.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor requests that the Members of the Board will be good enough to take these matters into their immediate consideration, so that they may be prepared to lay their views before His Honor on an early date.

Resolution by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,—(Dated the 5th November 1867.)

Read the following correspondence :—

1. From the Officiating Secretary to Board of Revenue, No. 424, dated 16th July 1861.

2. From Secretary to Government of Bengal, to Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, No. 863A., dated 15th August 1861.

3. From Secretary to Government of India, to Secretary to Government of Bengal, No. 1621, dated 30th August 1861.

4. Government of Bengal, to Board of Revenue, No. 980A., dated 9th September 1861.

5. Commissioner of Assam, to Government of Bengal, No. 30, dated 4th May 1864.

6. From Major Agnew, to Government of Bengal, No. 52, dated 28th March 1865.

7. From Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 346, dated 29th April 1865.

8. From Government, to Commissioner of Assam, No. 3520, dated 17th May 1865.

9. From Commissioner of Assam, No. 173, dated 14th June 1865.

10. From Board to Government, No. 151B., dated 10th January 1867.

11. From Government to Board, No. 1135, dated 6th March 1867.

12. From Government, to Board, No. 1674, dated 26th April 1867.

13. From Board, to Government, No. 3219, dated 18th June 1867.

14. From Government of India, Home Department, No. 2818, dated 27th July 1867.

15. From Commissioner of Assam, No. 342, dated 21st September 1867.

16. Government to Board, No. 3720, dated 15th October 1867.

In a letter dated the 14th May 1861, Lieutenant-Colonel Hopkinson, the Commissioner of Assam, wrote—"I see very well that the land taxes here are almost nominal; that they might be doubled and the excess so obtained over the present revenue devoted, with enormous advantage, towards defraying the cost of construction of trunk roads and improved steam communication. At present we take very little from the Assamese, and we do very little for him. We do not intercept the bounty of nature on the one hand; on the other hand we do not lead him to look for more than nature provides, place him in communication with the outer world, and put him in the way of acquiring new material wants: the result is that he remains an indolent, sensual, non-progressive being."

2. In reporting on this subject on the 16th July 1861, the Board stated that they had been for some time in communication with the local Officers on the subject of increasing the assessments in Assam; and that, although the opinions of individual Officers differed as to details, it was acknowledged on all hands that the existing rates of taxation were light, and it was generally admitted that an increase of the rates on some kinds of land might be effected without hardship to the people.

Further, the Board wrote—"The paucity of labor and the natural indolence of the Assamese population are, as is well known, subjects of complaints in every communication which comes from that part of the country, and it seems to be equally established even among the Collectors of the Districts that the want of industrious habits on the part of the Assamese may be ascribed in a great measure to the lowness of the assessments and the largeness of the profits acquired by the lightest toil."

3. The Board, for reasons which were fully stated, then supported the recommendation of the late Commissioner, Colonel Jenkins, that no increase should be made of the rates assessed on roopit or rice-growing lands, but that the assessment on other lands should be raised from Rupee 1 to Rupee 1-2 in Nowgong and Darrang, and from 14 annas in Seemangor and 12 annas in Luckimpore, to Rupee 1 per poush, which is nearly equal to an acre.

The rates in Kamroop were necessarily to remain unaltered until the expiration of the current ten years' settlement of that District.

These recommendations were approved in the orders of this Government, dated 9th September 1861.

4. On the 28th March 1865, Major Agnew, an Officer of experience in Assam, being then in charge of the Commissioner's Office, wrote in connection with the subject of neglected communications in Assam—"that we cannot command a supply of labor, nor employ it in the way the Native Rulers of Assam formerly did; that the excessive lightness of our land assessments supersedes the obligation of our ryots to work, while it fails to supply sufficient funds for expenditure."

5. On this the Government of India, in a letter dated 29th April, directed that an enquiry be undertaken as to how far the present assessment should be allowed to stand; and that fresh arrangements should be made as existing settlements should expire.

6. On the 14th of June 1865, Colonel Hopkinson recommended that the enhancement of assessment should be carried out at once, and simultaneously throughout the whole Province, so as to prevent the general exodus of the ryots, which would otherwise certainly take place, from the Pergunnahs into which the enhanced rates had been introduced. Colonel Hopkinson further proposed that the rates should be equalized in all Districts as shown in the following table.

	RATES NOW IN FORCE PER BEEGAH.		PROPOSED RATES PER BEEGAH.				
	Roopit or low paddy land.	Other lands.	Bastee or homestead and garden lands.	Roopit or low paddy land.	Feringtee or high lands for crops, &c.		
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.		
Kamroop	0 6 0	0 4 0	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0		
Durrung	0 3 6	0 4 6	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0		
Nowgong	0 5 6	0 4 6	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0		
Sebsaugor	0 5 0	0 4 0	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0		
Luckimpore	0 5 0	0 4 0	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0		

He estimated that the financial effect of this measure would be to raise the land revenue of the Province from 10½ to 24½ lakhs of Rupees, and wrote—"I am confident that the people of Assam can well bear to pay still higher rates of land revenue than those which I have proposed, but for the present I am averse to recommending any very large increase over existing rates. As a proof of the prosperous state of the Assamese, and the amount they can afford to spend on a single luxury, I may mention that in 1863-64 the quantity of opium sold in the Province was 1,225 maunds, yielding a gross revenue of Rupees 11,35,462."

In 1864-65 the price of opium was raised from Rupees 14 to Rupees 20 per seer, but instead of this causing any check on consumption, the quantity sold during the year was 1,935

maunds, the receipts from which were Rupees 14,35,426, or about 4 lakhs of Rupees in excess of the land revenue of the Province."

7. The Board, in reporting on these proposals on the 18th June 1867, have given a statement, from which it appears that the land revenue of the temporarily settled Districts, which now constitute the Assam Province, has gradually risen as below, in consequence of the extension of cultivation, as well as of the enhancement of assessment made under the orders of 1861.

Districts.	1859-60.	1860-61.	1861-62.	1862-63.	1863-64.	1864-65.	1865-66.
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Cessyah and Jynteah Hills...	1,534	205	1,377	1,377	1,377	328	2,308
Durrung	1,55,915	1,48,768	1,55,683	1,55,823	1,63,555	1,65,282	1,94,846
Kamroop	3,36,138	3,54,655	3,67,816	3,67,270	3,65,352	6,63,032	4,25,163
Luckimpore	48,956	53,867	58,176	61,052	87,149	77,157	1,13,651
Nowgong	1,57,211	1,62,000	1,72,442	1,71,441	1,72,251	1,77,907	2,16,660
Sebsaugur	1,36,431	1,37,117	1,60,583	1,77,339	1,90,872	2,10,061	2,70,937
Total	8,35,338	8,56,612	9,16,077	9,34,329	9,93,770	12,23,565	

The Board explain that the increase shown under 1865-66 is nominal to the extent of Rupees 1,75,000, being caused by a change in the mode of making up the accounts. The remainder of the increase, however, nearly Rupees 55,000, is real.

The Board are "in favor of the Commissioner's using and acting on his discretion in raising the rates of assessment in the several Districts."

8. In his letter of the 21st September 1867, Colonel Hopkinson has repeated his former recommendations for the enhancement of rates; adding—"The people of the country have been long expecting an increase in the rates of assessment and are prepared for it, and it is probable that the increase now proposed might be carried out simultaneously throughout the whole Province without creating the scandal of a single disturbance, but I cannot give an absolute guarantee that this would be the case."

Statement shewing the Land Revenue Demand of Assam (exclusive of Goopta's) in each of the years 1859-60, 1860-61, 1861-62, 1862-63, 1863-64, 1864-65 and 1865-66.

Colonel Hopkinson wishes, therefore, to have a discretion left to him in the matter of introducing the enhanced assessment gradually, as he may judge best, throughout the Province, proposing to begin with the Kamroop District, that being "the largest District in Assam, the most populous and which yields the largest revenue; it is the District to which the other Districts most look; which, if such a term can be applied in such a case, most leads public opinion, while at the same time it is the District best under control and most amenable to authority."

9. While these discussions as to the enhancement of rates have been going on, the question of the most advantageous mode of settlement for Assam has arisen. The Board of Revenue, in a letter of the 10th January 1867, expressed their opinion in favor of the policy laid down by Mr. Mills in the 37th paragraph of his Report on Assam, of granting twenty years' settlements to Mouzaldars, remunerated by a commission of 20 per cent., who should hold tenures of such extent that each would yield the Mouzaldar an annual gross income of about Rupees 3,000. The Mouzaldar was to be vested with certain privileges and rights, among which was that of having a settlement made with himself or his heirs, provided he had not been guilty of gross mismanagement of his charge, for which he was to be liable to dismissal. The Board went further and advocated the creation of a class of landed proprietors, "by the assignment of leases for long periods to be eventually converted into permanent holdings."

10. Colonel Hopkinson has throughout the discussions held a directly opposite view. He would "enforce throughout Assam a ryotwarc annual settlement of the simplest and purest character," the collections being made directly from the ryots by Government officials, and not by farmers.

11. In a letter dated the 26th April 1867, to the address of the Board of Revenue, the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal thus communicated the views of the Lieutenant-Governor, (Sir Cecil Beadon) —

"Where the agriculture of a country is in an advanced state, and where its improvement is likely to be brought about by a system of high farming on a large scale, worked by a body of skilled and intelligent capitalists, it is, I am to observe, of course very desirable that within certain limits the lands should be held by large proprietors; and the grant of waste lands on long leases, or in fee-simple in tracts not exceeding 3,000 acres in extent, is calculated to give this system a fair trial in India, wherever it can be applied with advantage. But where the soil is held by cultivators, having a right to occupy it on payment of rent to the Government, it does not appear to the Lieutenant-Governor that any useful object is gained by interposing between the Government and the ryots, a proprietor or farmer, whose sole business in that capacity is to collect the rents from the ryots, and make what profit he can out of the rents, after satisfying the Government demand.

"It is in every way a preferable course to give the actual occupants of the soil, whether he be an European Tea Planter holding on lease an estate which he has reclaimed from jungle, and which may comprise some thousand acres, or a

"ryot cultivating a few acres of rice or garden land, as secure and certain a tenure as can be conferred upon him, subject to the payment of revenue to the Government at rates fixed for long periods, and to preserve a clear distinction between the rights and obligations of proprietorship, and the duties of fiscal and official administration."

12. At the same time the Board were called upon to take up the whole question of the revenue of Assam, with a view to its being settled on clear and well defined principles, and the main principle suggested were—

That the settlement should be made with resident ryots at rates determinable from time to time by the Government, and that, subject to the payment of such rents, the tenure of every ryot should be hereditary and transferable;

That the collections from the ryots should be made by Tehsildars, who should be purely administrative officials, with no rights whatever beyond the remuneration which might be fixed for their services;

That the assessment on lands occupied by non-resident ryots, and on lands newly brought under cultivation, should be adjusted annually on the result of actual measurement;

That the ryots of each village or cluster of villages should be required to appoint a headman to assist the Tehsildar in collecting the rents and in pointing out lands newly brought into cultivation, and to be responsible for reporting crime and apprehending offenders, and for furnishing all information that may be required of him.

13. In a letter No. 2818, dated 27th July 1867, the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department, expressed the general concurrence of the Governor General in Council in the views expressed by the Lieutenant-Governor. It was suggested that simultaneously with the Professional Survey which is being carried on in Assam, field measurements and local enquiries should be made, to be checked by the survey returns, with a view to making fresh settlements for seven or ten years on the expiration of the current settlements. The Governor General in Council doubted whether in any case it would be desirable to reduce the Mouzaldar to the status of a Government Tehsildar having no interest in his villages; and suggestions were made as to the arrangements which might be entered into according as local circumstances might vary.

The Secretary wrote—"The Governor General in Council believes that it would be sound policy to declare permanent occupiers of the soil what they no doubt were originally, *vis.*, the proprietors of their lands, subject of course to a fair revenue. This, in the opinion of His Excellency in Council, will be the first step towards any great improvement in the country." It was suggested that Tehsildars should be appointed with circles of collection, each yielding from 1 to 1½ lakhs of Rupees; and that these should be made *Moochiffs* and Superintendents of Police within their jurisdictions.

In conclusion it was said that "His Excellency in Council hopes that, if these suggestions are carried out as far as practicable, the condition of the people will be very materially benefited, while the general control of the Officers of the Government will be considerably strengthened. In particular the tenures of land will be placed

"on a proper footing, while the yeomen of the country will be preserved, and at the same time scope and opportunity given for the growth of larger landholders."

14. These instructions were communicated to the Commissioner of Assam, who, in a letter of the 21st September, has expressed his further views on the subject; they were also communicated to the Board of Revenue, and on the 30th of October the Lieutenant-Governor held a conference with the Members of the Board for the purpose of settling the details of the arrangements to be made. At this conference the Lieutenant-Governor had the benefit of the local

knowledge of Captain Sherer, Deputy Commissioner of Kamroop, who was in Calcutta on leave.

15. As regards the rates of assessment, the Lieutenant-Governor has resolved to act on the unanimous opinion of all Officers who have been consulted on the subject, and to sanction the increase of the assessment to the rates which are recommended by Colonel Hopkinson, viz:—

	Ra.	As.	P.
Homestead or garden land	...	1	0 0 per standard beegah
Roopit or low rice land	...	0	10 0 ditto ditto.
Feringattee or mustard dry weather crop lands	...	0	8 0 ditto ditto.

These rates will eventually be adopted throughout the Province.

* Statement showing the existing Settlements in the Province of Assam.

DESCRIPTION.	KAMROOP.		DURRUNG.		NIMONG.		SEEDSBAUGH.		LUCKIMPUR.		TOTAL.	
	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.	Number.	Area in Beegah.
Mouzahs settled for more than five years	...	...	1	1,506	1	500	...	...	...	...	2	2,006
Mouzahs under and more than one year.	37	3,71,519	...	...	9	29,552	1	4,842	...	...	47	4,06,213
Mouzahs under annual settlement	198	10,57,535	206	5,83,727	258	6,75,008	131	8,90,492	146	3,91,520	939	35,98,332
Total	235	14,29,814	207	5,85,232	268	7,05,160	132	8,95,334	146	3,91,520	939	40,08,610

H. HOPKINSON,
Commissioner of Assam.

16. From a Statement* annexed to the Commissioner's letter of the 21st September, it appears that out of 985 Mouzahs in the Province, two only are under settlements which have above five years, and 17 under settlements which have less than five and above one year to run. The remaining 934 Mouzahs are under annual settlement.

17. Field measurements and local enquiries should be commenced in the approaching season, and should follow the survey as closely as is practicable; but the Lieutenant-Governor accedes to the request of the Commissioner to leave to him the fullest discretion "in carrying out the details of the measure within such time and in such manner as he may find expedient;" and to allow him considerable latitude as to the manner in which he may feel his way to the end of introducing the full rates which he has proposed.

18. The definite proposition which the Commissioner submits in the 20th paragraph of his letter, that "the Deputy Commissioner of Kamroop be allowed to make his next assessments, i. e., those for 1868-69, at the enhanced rates generally throughout his District," may be acted upon.

19. The settlements will be made on the following principles:—

I.—The term of settlement shall ordinarily be ten years; but it will be in the discretion of the Commissioner to make settlements for fifteen years, where, in his opinion, special local circumstances make such a term desirable.

II.—The settlement for all lands which are undivided shall be made directly by the Commissioner with the occupant ryots; the rates of assessment shall be fixed for the term of the settlement, but shall be liable to alteration in future settlements.

III.—Holdings so settled with the ryots shall be hereditary and transferable, on the condition

that transfers are registered in the Office of the Deputy Commissioners or Mouzahdars.

IV.—Lands which may be brought under cultivation during the currency of the settlement shall be assessed on actual measurements year by year. At the next settlement a hereditary and transferable title will be conferred on the cultivators who may be found in possession of lands which they have so brought under cultivation, or on their representatives.

V.—For the purpose of making collections directly from the ryots, the Mouzahdars will be retained on their present footing. They will be remunerated by a commission of 15 per cent. on the rents which they may pay in; they will be liable to dismissal for misconduct. Ordinarily when a Mouzahdar has performed his duties satisfactorily, the Deputy Commissioner will select a qualified successor from the members of his family; but this will be purely an act of favor in recognition of the Mouzahdar's services.

VI.—In order to give the Mouzahdars an interest in using their influence to extend the cultivation during the currency of the settlement, they shall receive an allowance of 50 per cent. on all rents which may be collected from lands brought into cultivation after the first settlement of the Mouzah. It will be distinctly understood that this allowance will continue during the currency of the settlement only, and will give the Mouzahdar no further right whatever in the lands or Mouzah.

VII.—The ryots of each village, or of each cluster of villages, shall be required at the time of settlement to nominate a headman from among their number, whose duty it will be to assist the

Report on the State of the Salt market during the second quarter of 1867-68.

From R. L. MANGLES, Esq., Officiating Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—(No. 529C., dated Fort William, the 28th January 1868.

I AM directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the following report on the state of the Salt market during the months of July, August, and September last, or the second quarter of 1867-68.

2. The quantity of Government Salt sold at the Presidency under whole-sale Rowanahs amounted to maunds 3,81,712, as shewn in the margin, giving a monthly average of maunds 1,27,237, or maunds 65,971, in excess of the monthly average of the previous quarter. The sales of Government Salt at Pooree were maunds 9,855 of Pungah, and maunds 47,487 of Kurkutch, against maunds 4,851 and maunds 45,892 of Pungah and Kurkutch respectively in the preceding quarter, and maunds 13,978 of Pungah and maunds 61,275 of Kurkutch in the corresponding quarter of 1866-67.

3. The following are the details of the above-mentioned Presidency sales, viz., at the Hidgelee Depôts, maunds 1,12,385 against maunds 1,22,660 in the previous quarter; at Sulkea, maunds 2,69,285 against maunds 60,890 in the quarter preceding; and at Ghoosry, maunds 41-35-0, being the remnant found in the Golahs after delivery of the 250 maunds mentioned in the last quarterly report.

4. The sales of Excise Salt from the Dhossa Golahs during the quarter amounted to maunds 650 against maunds 1,000 in the previous quarter. The sales at Cuttack and Balasore from the Excise Bonded Warehouses were maunds 7,969 and maunds 9,710 respectively, leaving a balance of maunds 34,907 and maunds 24,706 in each District. Licenses have been granted to private individuals for the manufacture, during the present season, of maunds 1,30,000 in the Cuttack District, and of maunds 1,29,000 in the Balasore District.

5. The total importations into the Port of Calcutta, and clearances of sea-imported Salt, during the quarter, are shewn comparatively in the following Statement:—

DESCRIPTION OF SALT.	JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1865.		JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1866.		JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1867.	
	Imported.	Cleared.	Imported.	Cleared.	Imported.	Cleared.
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Liverpool Pungah	1,95,483	8,77,480	9,18,627	14,32,839	15,56,005	16,27,716
Foreign Kurkutch	71,688	1,87,216	2,66,281	2,52,418	3,10,735	2,46,332
Indian ditto	5,23,821	2,58,810	2,39,121	3,29,260	69,618	1,08,854
Ceylon ditto	...	...	13,883	...	67,470	9,400
Total	7,90,992	12,73,506	14,37,912	20,14,517	20,08,828	19,92,302

As compared with the results of the preceding quarter, there is a very marked increase in both importations and clearances; while a comparison with the figures for the corresponding quarter of the previous year shews that the clearances were only slightly less, and the importations nearly fifty per cent. in excess.

6. The following are the details of the importations and clearances of Indian Kurkutch given above:—

EXPORTING PORT.	1865.		1866.		1867.	
	Import- ed.	Cleared.	Import- ed.	Cleared.	Import- ed.	Cleared.
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Kurrachee	...	8,800	...	...	...	...
Bombay	92,311	1,05,179	1,45,010	1,86,917	19,526	21,742
Madras	2,62,535	78,251	72,333	1,00,866	50,092	49,962
Ennore	13,920	14,566	21,778	41,677	...	28,500
Coconada	50,000	18,474	...	...	...	8,650
Covelong	40,856	18,750	...	...	...	...
Eskapally	64,196	14,800	...	...	...	...
Total	5,23,821	2,58,810	2,59,121	3,29,260	69,618	1,08,854

The decline in both importations and clearances is no doubt the consequence of a falling off in the demand for Kurkutch Salt; sales being confined, as in the previous quarter, almost exclusively to the Government and Liverpool Pungah Salts.

7. The quantities of Salt which have been despatched into the interior of the country, both East and West of the River Hooghly, viz., via the border Chowkeys of Balikhal and Sankrail, and by the East Indian and Eastern Bengal Railways, are shown in the following Comparative Statement:—

PERIOD.	Via. Balikhal.	Via. Sankrail.	By the East Indian Railway.	By the East- ern Bengal Railway.	By the Cal- cutta and South-East- ern Railway.
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
July, August, September 1865	12,39,156	1,31,539	1,27,433	....	....
Ditto ditto 1866	13,52,097	90,945	1,13,184	....	....
Ditto ditto 1867	14,04,170	1,20,031	2,03,054	6,739	48

No information is available regarding the transport of Salt by the Eastern Bengal and the Calcutta and South-Eastern Railways during the two previous years, the Salt Preventive Establishment that was formerly stationed at Sealdah, and which was re-established in April last, having been abolished in 1865. The

following Statement shews the quantities of Salt despatched by the East Indian Railway to Stations beyond Buxar in August, September, and October last:—

DATE.		Station.				Quantity.
1867.						Mds.
August	3rd	...	Zumaneah	...	...	300
Ditto	22nd	...	Mogulserai	...	...	300
Ditto	26th	...	Zumaneah	...	...	200
September	10th	...	Ditto	...	...	300
Ditto	20th	...	Ditto	...	...	300
October	23rd	...	Ditto	...	...	250
Total						1,650

8. The shipments of Salt at Liverpool appear, from published marked reports, to have been in—

July	1867	...	...	...	...	Tons	21,872
August	"	...	...	...	...	"	24,491
September	"	...	...	...	...	"	17,308
Total, Tons							63,671

being an increase of 2,633 Tons over the total quantity shipped during the previous quarter.

9. The prices of Liverpool and other Salts per 100 maunds at the end to each fortnight of the quarter under review, as compared with the prices that prevailed at the same period of the previous year, are given in the following Statement:—

Description of Salt.	Price on 15th July.		Price on 31st July.		Price on 15th August.		Price on 31st August.		Price on 15th September.		Price on 30th September.	
	1866.	1867.	1866.	1867.	1866.	1867.	1866.	1867.	1866.	1867.	1866.	1867.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Liverpool Pungah	111	119	115	117	123	113	126	106	123	95	117	106
French Kurkutch	85	74	85	74	85	75	95	75	95	74	95	70
Juddah	96	95	100	95	104	100	104	95	98	80	93	85
Ceylon	70	81	70	60	70	62	70	62	70	60	70	60
Scinde	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Bombay	29	65	30	65	31	65	40	65	39	65	39	55
Madras	46	40	49	40	48	40	46	40	44	40	41	38

10. The total quantity of Salt that was available for export or private trade at the several Madras depôts, on the first day of each of the three months

of the quarter under inquiry, and of the corresponding quarter of the two previous years, is exhibited below:—

Month.	1865.	1866.	1867.
	Maunds.	Maunds.	Maunds.
July	2,86,724	7,42,048	9,74,734
August	2,22,884	11,41,174	9,77,076
September... ..	1,80,800	8,78,660	12,08,151

11. The importations into the ports of Chittagong and Balasore during the second quarter of 1866-67, amounted to maunds 16,738 of Liverpool Pun-
gah, and maunds 30,489 of Madras Kurkutch, against maunds 27,051 of the
former, and maunds 19,716 of the latter in the previous quarter in Chittagong;
and to maunds 15,013 of Kurkutch only in Balasore, against maunds 7,213 in
the preceding quarter.

12. The Board regret the delay that has occurred in the submission of
this report, owing to a heavy pressure of work mainly attributable to the hurri-
cane of the 1st November last.

The License Tax.

Statement of amount collected under Act XXI. of 1867 in the Lower Provinces.

PRESIDENCY.				MOFUSSIL.		Total.
	Before reported.	FOR THE WEEK ENDING		Reported to close of No- vember 1867.	In Decem- ber 1867.	
		18th January.	25th January.			
Collections ...	4,19,531 1 5	2,534 0 0	2,642 0 0	9,13,648	42,397	14,10,752 1 5
Deduct Refunds ...	25,914 5 7	1,047 0 0	838 0 0	38,019	11,140	76,949 5 7
Remaining ...	4,23,616 11 10	1,487 0 0	1,804 0 0	8,75,638	31,257	13,83,802 11 10
Deductions (at the Presi- dency by the Examiner of Claims) from salaries of servants un- der ...	Govern- ment of India Govern- ment of Bengal	27,171 7 11	.....	.....	.....	27,171 7 11
		21,545 15 2	.....	.....	.....	21,545 15 2
Ditto at Mofussil Treas- uries ...		.....	.....	.....	.....	70,272 0 0
Ditto at other Local Offices ...		.....	.....	.....	.....	12,120 0 0
Ditto in Military De- partment less refunds, Rupees 2,023-5-4 ...		.....	.....	.....	.....	19,351 10 8
Grand Total ...	4,75,334 2 11	1,487 0 0	1,804 0 0	8,75,638	31,257	14,87,163 18 7

Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor-General's Office, Calcutta, from 1st to 7th February 1868.

MONTH.	Date.	Reduced Reading of Barometer at 10 A. M.	THERMOMETER.		Daily Range of the Temperature.	Mean Temperature for the day.	Mean Wet Bulb.	Computed Mean Dew-point.	Mean Degree of humidity for the day.	Prevailing Direction of Wind during the day.	Rain.	Max. Pressure of Wind.	GENERAL REMARKS.
			Highest Reading.	Lowest Reading.									
		Inches.	°	°	°	°	°	°			Inches.	lb.	
Feb.	1st	30.079	73.5	61.0	12.5	66.9	60.1	54.7	0.67	N N W	...	...	Chiefly Clear. Foggy from 8 to 11 P. M.
	2nd	070	76.5	57.4	19.1	66.3	58.8	52.8	0.61	N N E	...	...	Chiefly clear
	3rd	034	70.0	62.0	8.0	65.0	60.1	56.2	0.75	N E	...	...	Overcast and scattered clouds. Slight rain at 7, 8, and Noon.
	4th	070	72.5	61.0	11.5	66.3	60.3	55.5	0.70	N & N N W	...	...	Cirrocumuli, cumuli* and clear. Slight rain at 3 A. M.
	5th	097	74.0	58.5	15.5	66.0	58.7	52.9	0.65	N & N N W	...	...	Clear. Foggy from 8 to 11 P. M.
	6th	080	76.4	58.5	17.9	66.9	60.1	54.7	0.67	N W & N N W	...	...	Clear. Foggy from 8 to 11 P. M.
	7th	084	77.8	59.5	18.3	68.4	61.5	56.0	0.66	N	...	...	Clear and cirrocumuli. Slightly foggy from midnight to 8 A. M. and from 7 to 10 P. M.

The mean Temperature and the mean Wet Bulb are derived from the twenty-four hourly Observations* made during the day.

The Dew-point is computed with the Greenwich constants. The figures in column ten represent the humidity of the air, the complete saturation of which being taken at unity. The receiver of the lower rain gauge is 1 foot 2 inches, and that of the Anemometer 70 feet 10 inches, above the level of the ground.

The extreme variation of Temperature during the past seven days	...	...	20.4
The Max. Temperature during the past seven days	...	...	77.8
The Max. Temperature during the corresponding period of the past year...	...	...	83.4
The mean humidity during the past seven days	...	...	0.68
The mean humidity during the corresponding period of the past year	...	...	0.68
Inches.			
The total fall of rain from 1st to 7th ... { by lower rain gauge			
by Anemometer gauge			
Ditto ditto from 1st to 7th, average of fourteen previous years	...	...	0.18
Ditto ditto between the 1st January and the 7th current	...	...	0.05
Ditto ditto during the corresponding period of the past year	...	...	1.13

The 10th February 1868.

GOPEENATH SEN,
In charge of the Observatory.

Meteorological Report up to 31st January 1868.

STATIONS.	January.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. 100.	WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
			Inches.	⊖	⊖				Inches.	
CALCUTTA.	22nd	10	30.122	72	61	49	N	...	...	Clear.
	16		29.977	77	64	45	N	...	...	Ditto.
	23rd	10	30.045	71	62	57	N	...	...	Ditto.
	16		29.879	78	65	46	N	...	...	Scattered cirrocumuli.
	24th	10	30.071	70	62	61	N	...	...	Cirrocumuli to N. E.
	16		29.912	78	65	46	N	...	...	Scattered cirrocumuli.
	25th	10	30.085	72	64	62	N	...	...	Clear.
	16		29.968	78	64	42	N by E	...	...	Scattered cumuli.
	26th	10	30.128	72	61	49	N E	...	...	Clear.
	16		29.996	77	65	49	N	...	...	Ditto.
	27th	10	30.086	71	62	67	N	...	...	Cumuli.
	16		29.907	79	65	43	N	...	...	Cirrocumuli.
	28th	10	30.017	75	67	63	N	...	...	Clear.
	16		29.879	79	68	54	N W	...	...	Scattered cumuli.
SAGOR ISLAND.	29th	10	30.106	71	64	66	N	...	...	Cumuli round the horizon.
	16		29.967	79	67	50	N by E	...	...	Scattered cumuli.
	30th	10	30.091	74	63	61	N E	...	...	Cirrocumuli.
	16		29.940	78	65	46	N N E	...	...	Cumuli.
	31st	10	30.070	69	62	65	N N E	...	0.02	Ditto.
	16		29.950	69	65	79	N	...	0.03	Cirrocumuli.
	22nd	9-30	30.018	64	60	60	N	Light	...	Clear.
	16		29.969	76	69	68	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	23rd	9-30	29.986	70	64	70	N by E	Light	...	Ditto.
	16		29.866	78	67	53	N by W	Light	...	Cloudy.
	24th	9-30	30.010	69	63	70	N	Moderate	...	Partially cloudy.
	16		29.932	79	67	50	N by W	Moderate	...	Clear.
	25th	9-30	30.031	71	67	80	N by W	Light	...	Ditto.
	16		29.947	81	68	48	N	Light	...	Ditto.
CHITTAGONG.	26th	9-30	30.057	71	62	57	N	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	16		29.975	78	69	61	S	Light	...	Ditto.
	27th	9-30	30.016	70	63	65	N E	Moderate	...	Light clouds
	16		29.917	77	68	60	N N W	Light	...	Partially cloudy.
	28th	9-30	29.951	72	60	85	N by W	Light	...	Slight rain last night.
	16		29.877	81	71	59	N N W	Light	...	Clear.
	29th	9-30	30.023	71	65	70	N	Moderate	...	Scattered clouds.
	16		29.954	79	70	61	N by W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	30th	9-30	30.021	71	65	70	N E by E	Light	...	Ditto.
	16		29.934	79	70	61	S	Light	...	Clear.
	31st	9-30	30.003	71	64	66	N	Light	...	Scattered clouds.
	16		29.930	72	69	65	N by W	Light	...	Partially cloudy, slight rain, thunder and lightning at noon.
	22nd	9-30	29.962	65	62	83	N	Light	...	Hazy.
	16		29.856	71	66	75	W	Light	...	Ditto.
CHITTAGONG.	23rd	9-30	29.962	66	62	74	N N E	Light	...	Ditto.
	16		29.791	72	66	71	S W	Light	...	Cirrocumuli, towards S. & W.
	24th	9-30	29.891	68	65	81	W	Light	...	Cumulostrati.
	16		29.829	70	68	89	W by S	Light	...	Cirrocumuli.
	25th	9-30	29.927	67	64	84	N W by W	Light	...	Thick fog this morning, not clear yet.
	16		29.854	71	68	85	N W	Light	...	Hazy.
	26th	9-30	29.951	69	61	60	N	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	16		29.834	72	65	68	W S W	Light	...	Clear.
	27th	9-30	29.910	67	62	74	N E by N	Light	...	Hazy.
	16		29.817	71	65	70	W by S	Light	...	Cumulostrati.
	28th	9-30	29.879	70	64	70	N	Light	...	Hazy.
	16		29.779	74	67	67	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	29th	9-30	29.949	70	67	75	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	16		29.836	74	66	63	N W by N	Light	...	Ditto.
ARYAB.	30th	9-30	29.924	69	63	70	W	Light	...	Ditto, changing wind.
	16		29.811	73	67	71	W S W	Light	...	Ditto.
	31st	9-30	29.934	69	65	79	N	Light	...	Cirrocumuli, a few drops of rain this morning, not measurable.
	16		29.881	73	68	76	W N W	Light	...	Hazy, cirrocumuli.
	22nd	9-30	30.024	68	66	89	N E	Light	...	Fine and pleasant.
	16		29.968	78	70	65	N W	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	23rd	9-30	29.966	71	67	80	N E	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	16		29.865	79	72	69	W	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	24th	9-30	29.943	72	68	80	N E	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	16		29.868	77	70	68	W	Moderate	...	Ditto ditto.
	25th	9-30	29.961	73	68	76	N E	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	16		29.868	78	72	73	W	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	26th	9-30	29.963	72	68	80	N E	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	16		29.890	77	70	68	N E	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
ARYAB.	27th	9-30	29.949	70	67	84	N E	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	16		29.808	77	69	64	N W by W	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	28th	9-30	29.921	73	67	71	E	Light	...	Horizon cloudy to the S.
	16		29.842	79	70	61	W by N	Light	...	Fine.
	29th	9-30	29.978	74	68	72	N E	Light	...	
	16		29.887	81	73	66	W	Light	...	
	30th	9-30	29.921	73	67	71	N E	Light	...	
	16		29.865	79	71	65	W	Light	...	
	31st	9-30	29.975	75	70	76	N E	Light	...	
	16		29.885	79	71	65	W	Moderate.	...	

STATIONS.	January.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
			Inches.	⊖	⊖				Inches.	
A. J. JACK.	22nd	9-30	30.183	68	63	74	E by S	Light	...	Fine, misty horizon.
	16		30.003	78	68	67	E by N	Light	...	Ditto.
	23rd	9-30	30.054	69	63	70	N W by N	Light	...	Ditto.
	16		29.878	74	64	55	E S E	Light	...	One mass of cumulostrati.
	24th	9-30	30.108	71	62	67	E N E	Moderate	...	Cumulostrati all morning, curri to S. E., and misty horizon.
	16		29.995	78	65	46	E by N	Light	...	Scattered curri.
	25th	9-30	30.111	70	64	70	E	Light	...	Hazy.
	16		30.015	77	65	49	E by S	Light	...	Scattered curri to S. & S. E.
	26th	9-30	30.135	72	66	71	E	Light	...	Cirrocumuli to S. E. & misty horizon.
	16		30.010	78	69	61	E by N	Light	...	Covered with cirri.
A. J. JACK.	27th	9-30	30.093	72	67	75	E	Light	...	Cirrocumuli, cirrostrati since morning, and cloudy.
	16		29.963	76	62	41	S	Light	...	Covered with cumulostrati & cirrostrati, and cloudy. few drops of rain at 4-40 p. m.
	28th	9-30	30.043	73	68	76	N W by W	Light	...	A streak of curri to S. E. and misty horizon.
	16		29.950	78	68	67	E by S	Moderate	...	Cirrostrati round horizon.
	29th	9-30	30.103	73	66	67	E N E	Moderate	...	Curri and cirrocumuli to N W. horizon. Unsteady wind. very foggy from 7-30 to 8-20 A. M.
	16		29.993	78	68	57	E S E	Light	...	Scattered curri and cirrocumuli.
	30th	9-30	30.100	74	69	76	E by N	Light	...	Ditto and misty horizon.
	16		29.980	78	68	57	S W by W	Light	...	Cirrocumuli and curri, slight rain at 9-15 p. m.
	31st	9-30	30.128	69	66	84	N W by W	Light	0.10	Distant thunder this morning, shower of rain at 9-10 A. M., covered with nimbi since 7 A. M.
	16		29.995	76	68	64	N by W	Light	...	Slight rain 10-10 A. M., cleared 11 A. M., cirrocumuli to S. E., scattered curri and cumuli to N. W., fine evening.
M. J. JACK.	22nd	10	30.008	81	70	55	N N E	15*	...	Light clouds.
	16		29.909	84	70	55	N E	15*	...	Ditto.
	23rd	10	29.954	79	73	73	N E by N	19*	...	Overcast.
	16		29.832	80	74	74	N E	12*	...	Ditto.
	24th	10	29.949	73	72	95	E N E	8*	...	Ditto.
	16		29.843	75	74	95	N E by N	10*	1-23	Ditto.
	25th	10	29.987	76	75	95	N E by N	12*	3-53	Ditto.
	16		29.884	78	75	86	N E by E	12*	0-02	Ditto.
	26th	10	30.019	81	75	74	E by N	8*	...	Cloudy.
	16		29.910	81	74	70	N E	10*	...	Passing clouds.
M. J. JACK.	27th	10	30.003	81	74	70	E N E	7*	...	Ditto.
	16		29.882	81	74	70	E N E	11*	...	Ditto.
	28th	10	29.974	81	71	59	E E by N	7*	...	Light clouds.
	16		29.869	80	72	66	E N E	9*	...	Ditto.
	29th	10	29.993	82	74	66	E N E	10*	...	Ditto.
	16		29.891	81	74	70	E by N	10*	...	Fine.
	30th	10	30.018	82	74	66	N E by E	6*	...	Passing clouds.
	16		29.900	81	74	70	E N E	8*	...	Ditto.
	31st	10	30.030	82	75	70	E N E	8*	...	Cloudy.
	16		29.922	83	75	67	E N E	10*	...	Fine.
M. J. JACK.	22nd	10	29.876	64	57	62	E	Light	...	Cumuli, cirrocumuli.
	16		29.787	69	61	60	S E	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	23rd	10	29.815	62	59	82	S E	...	...	Curri, cumuli, cumuli.
	16		29.740	65	62	83	E	...	...	Cumuli, cumulostrati.
	24th	10	29.860	69	63	70	W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	16		29.756	75	66	59	N W	...	...	Ditto.
	25th	10	29.902	63	61	88	S W	Light	...	Ditto, strati.
	16		29.805	71	58	37	N W	Light	...	...
	26th	10	29.901	64	57	62	N E	...	...	Cumuli, strati, cumulostrati.
	16		29.833	66	58	58	W	...	...	Cirrocumuli, cumuli, strati.
M. J. JACK.	27th	10	29.839	66	61	73	E	Moderate	...	Cumuli.
	16		29.759	71	63	61	E	Moderate	...	Cumuli, strati.
	28th	10	29.873	58	56	57	N W	...	...	Ditto ditto.
	16		29.748	61	56	76	S W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	29th	10	29.926	57	56	93	S W	Light	...	Ditto.
	16		29.789	59	58	93	S	...	...	Strati, cumulostrati.
	30th	10	29.860	63	57	67	N E	Light	...	Cumuli, strati.
	16		29.746	66	59	63	S E	Moderate	...	Ditto, ditto.
	31st	10	29.873	64	60	78	W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	16		29.807	68	61	64	S W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
M. J. JACK.	22nd	9-30	29.177	61	56	71	N W	...	0.03	Cloudy morning, sky clearing at 9 A. M.
	16		29.083	70	60	52	N W	...	...	...
	23rd	9-30	29.098	54	53	93	Caln	...	...	Foggy and cloudy.
	16		29.041	63	59	72	S W	...	...	...
	24th	9-30	29.175	57	53	75	W	...	...	...
	16		29.128	66	55	45	W	...	...	...
	25th	9-30	29.193	61	55	65	Caln	...	...	...
	16		29.118	70	58	44	N W	...	...	...
	26th	9-30	29.150	63	57	67	S W	...	...	...
	16		29.095	71	59	44	Caln	...	...	...
M. J. JACK.	27th	9-30	29.147	53	49	73	S W	...	...	{ Sky overcast from early morning, scattered cumuli seen moving eastward, occasional showers between 9 & 11 A. M., sky clearing in the afternoon, but still overcast.
	16		29.060	56	51	68	Caln	...	...

Velocity in miles per hour.

STATIONS.	December.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
ROCKEE.	28th	0-30	29.203	58	52	64	N W	...	0.43	{ Morning bright and clear, the snowy range was seen with great distinctness. The Mussoorie Hills are covered with snow.
		16	29.080	66	56	49	S W	...	...
	29th	0-30	29.145	60	53	59	Calm	...	...	{ Sky cloudy from 1 P. M.
		16	29.056	69	57	43	Calm	...	...
	30th	0-30	29.138	62	56	66	Calm	...	...	{ Cloudy from 1 P. M.
		16	29.069	61	55	65	S W	...	...
	31st	0-30	29.148	59	53	61	Calm	...	...	{ Sky cloudy from 1 P. M.
		16	29.117	64	54	47	S W	...	...
	22nd	0-30	23.328	45	42	76	E	Light	...	Clear. Frosty morning.
		16	23.265	46	44	84	W	Light	...	
DARJEELING.	23rd	0-30	23.291	41	40	91	W by S	Light	...	Cirrocumuli, frosty morning.
		16	23.212	46	43	84	W	Light	...	
	24th	0-30	23.291	41	40	91	S W	Light	0.05	Ditto, a slight shower of rain between 4 & 5 A. M., snow on hills towards W.
		16	23.219	44	41	75	W	Moderate	...	
	25th	0-30	23.273	43	41	83	E S E	Light	...	Cirrocumuli, nimbi, and low scuds from S. W.
		16	23.227	53	47	60	W by S	Light	...	
	26th	0-30	23.320	44	41	75	E	Light	...	Cumuli, nimbi. Scattered cumuli. Frosty morning.
		16	23.264	47	42	62	W	Light	...	
	27th	0-30	23.294	44	43	91	Calm	...	...	Covered with cirri.
		16	23.219	46	44	84	W by N	Light	...	
DARJEELING.	28th	0-30	23.253	42	39	74	S W	Light	...	Cumuli round horizon. Frosty morning.
		16	23.182	52	45	53	S W	Moderate	...	
	29th	0-30	23.310	43	40	75	E S E	Light	...	Clear, frosty morning.
		16	23.262	54	47	55	N W	Light	...	
	30th	0-30	23.310	45	42	76	S E	Light	...	Scattered cumuli. Covered with cirri, frosty morning.
		16	23.277	48	44	70	E S E	Light	...	
	31st	0-30	23.311	38	37	91	S E	Light	...	Misty. Ditto.
		16	23.193	38	34	62	N W by N	Light	...	
DARJEELING.	22nd	0-30	29.971	69	63	70	N	...	...	Severe thunder and lightning. Misty.
		16	29.879	70	61	65	N	...	...
	23rd	0-30	29.969	70	64	70	N	...	...	Light wind. Clear.
		16	29.784	72	61	62	N N W	...	...
	24th	0-30	29.906	71	61	66	N	...	...	Ditto ditto.
		16	29.821	73	65	62	N	...	...
DARJEELING.	25th	0-30	29.919	70	65	75	N	...	...	Ditto ditto.
		16	29.805	68	63	69	S	...	...
	26th	0-30	29.971	69	67	89	N N E	...	...	Light wind.
		16	29.844	72	63	58	N W	...	...
	27th	0-30	29.939	70	61	57	N N W	...	...	Ditto. Partially cloudy.
		16	29.817	67	63	70	N	...	...
DARJEELING.	28th	0-30	29.874	72	61	62	N N W	...	...	Moderate wind.
		16	29.799	74	66	63	N W	...	...
	29th	0-30	29.976	71	61	66	N	...	...	Light wind.
		16	29.901	73	64	58	N	...	...
	30th	0-30	29.939	70	61	70	N	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.851	73	69	80	N W	...	...
DARJEELING.	31st	0-30	29.981	69	61	74	N N W	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.879	70	66	79	W	...	...
	19th	0-30	30.023	72	67	75	N N W	...	...	Moderate wind, cloudy.
		16	29.924	74	63	76	E	...	...
DARJEELING.	20th	0-30	30.074	72	68	80	N E	...	...	Calm. Very cloudy whole day.
		16	29.953	72	68	80	E N E	...	...
	21st	0-30	30.013	72	69	85	N E	...	...	Light airs and fine.
		16	29.941	73	68	78	E N E	...	...
	22nd	0-30	30.053	72	69	85	Variable	...	...	Ditto winds and fine.
		16	29.911	73	67	71	S E	...	...
DARJEELING.	23rd	0-30	30.056	71	67	80	N E	...	...	Ditto weather.
		16	29.914	72	67	75	E	...	...
	24th	0-30	29.951	73	67	71	N N E	...	...	Ditto ditto.
		16	29.846	71	68	85	N E	...	...
	25th	0-30	29.946	71	68	85	E	Fresh breezes and looking like rain.
		16	29.841	73	69	80	E	

BENGAL SECRETARIAT,
The 8th February 1868.

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Meteorological Reporter to Govt. of Bengal



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Registration in the District of Chittagong.

From H. BEVERLEY, Esq., Registrar-General, Lower Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—(No. 288, dated Fort William, the 17th January 1868.)

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of Government, the accompanying extract (paragraphs 7 and 9) from Mr. Geddes' Inspection Report of the Nazir-ka-hât Sub-Registry Office in the District of Chittagong.

2. The movement of which Mr. Geddes speaks is doubtless very suggestive, and it is to be hoped will result in the increased prosperity of the actual cultivators. It serves also to explain the enormous amount of registration which has taken place of late in this District, (upwards of 2,000 documents having been presented in November last,) and would seem to indicate that the present average is not likely to be permanent.

Extract from the Report of the inspection of the Nazir-ka-hât Sub-Registrar's Office held by the Registrar on the 6th January 1868.

PARA. 7.—“I must now make a few remarks on the nature of the registration business which is now going on in this District, especially here, as disclosed by the registration statistics. Of the 1,432 deeds registered here in November and December, only 204 related to bonds, marriage settlements, deeds of sale, &c. All the other deeds, 1,228 were leases newly granted. Again, of these 1,228 leases only six were for limited terms, namely, five leases for terms of one year or over, and one lease for a term of one year. The remainder of the leases, 1,222 in number, being 85 per cent. of the whole registration work, are perpetual leases. I believe the greater part of the documents at the other Sub-Registry Offices of this District are of the same nature. If that is so, the whole District is in a ferment with registrations of an important character, which it will be interesting to watch. The other special Sub-Registrar has not called my attention to the circumstance. From the explanation given by Baboo Nilmony Dass, in answer to my enquiries, I am led to believe that the nature of the process is as follows.

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The following is the mode of payment for a cash purchase:—One-fifth of purchase-money to be paid down at sale as a deposit, and the residue of purchase-money within one month thereof. Failing the payment of such residue the deposit to be forfeited and land revert to the Crown.

By Sections 28 and 29, purchasers of land by private contract may, at their own option, pay in cash or take credit for the same, and if credit, the terms shall be as under:—

The sale price of land to be increased by one-fifth as the cost of credit; one-fifth of this sum to be paid down at once as deposit, and the remainder in eight equal annual instalments.

Thus, a credit purchaser of £100 would be required to pay according to the following:—

EXAMPLE:

	£.	s.	d.
Sale price of Land ...	100	0	0
Add one-fifth as cost of credit ...	20	0	0
Total price ...	120	0	0

One-fifth of £120 to be paid as deposit ... 24 0 0

Leaving £96 to be paid off in eight equal annual instalments, each of... 12 0 0

The deposit is to be paid at time of sale or of signing the contract, and the first instalment twelve months afterwards, and so on.

Castra is situated inland, about 12 miles from the Port of Ulverstone, which again by sea is about 220 miles from Melbourne, and 80 from Launceston. From Launceston to Hobart Town, 121 miles, there is an excellent macadamised road, and several public conveyances running thereon. From Launceston to Deloraine, and thence to Torquay, (16 miles east of Ulverstone,) two lines of Railway are in progress.

NOTE.—A Map shewing approximately the position of the reserved lands will be shown to any person desirous of seeing it, on application at the Office of the Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor-General's Office, Calcutta, from 8th to 14th February 1868.

MONTH.	Date.	Reduced Reading of Barometer at 10 A. M.	THERMOMETER.		Daily Range of the Temperature.	Mean Temperature for the day.	Mean Wet Bulb.	Computed Mean Dew-point.	Mean Degree of humidity for the day.	Prevailing Direction of Wind during the day.	Rain.	Max. Pressure of Wind.	GENERAL REMARKS.
			Highest Reading.	Lowest Reading.									
		Inches.	°	°	°	°	°	°			Inches.	lb.	
Feb.	8th	30.135	77.5	63.5	14.0	69.0	64.2	59.0	0.71	S N & N E	...	...	Chiefly cirrocumuli.
	9th	155	78.5	64.0	14.5	70.5	64.3	59.3	.69	N E & N	...	...	Scattered cumuli and clear.
	10th	124	78.8	62.0	14.8	69.9	63.0	57.5	.68	N W & S W	...	...	Clear and cirri.
	11th	106	79.2	63.5	15.7	71.2	65.6	61.1	.72	S S W & W by N	...	...	Clear and scattered cumuli. Slightly foggy at 8 A. M.
	12th	068	81.7	67.0	14.7	72.8	68.0	64.2	.75	W	...	...	Clear, Overcast, and scattered cumuli. Foggy from 3 to 6 and at 8 P. M.
	13th	001	84.3	69.3	15.0	75.4	70.5	67.1	.76	S W & S	...	...	Chiefly cumuli.
	14th	083	83.6	71.2	12.4	76.2	71.7	68.5	.78	Variable.	...	...	Cumuli and clear. Slightly foggy at 8 P. M.

The mean Temperature and the mean Wet Bulb are derived from the twenty-four hourly Observations made during the day.

The Dew-point is computed with the Greenwich constants. The figures in column ten represent the humidity of the air, the complete saturation of which being taken at unity. The receiver of the lower rain gauge is 1 foot 2 inches, and that of the Anemometer 70 feet 10 inches, above the level of the ground.

The extreme variation of Temperature during the past seven days	...	...	22.3
The Max. Temperature during the past seven days	...	...	84.3
The Max. Temperature during the corresponding period of the past year...	48.6
The mean humidity during the past seven days	0.72
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Inches.			
The total fall of rain from 8th to 14th ... { by lower rain gauge			
by Anemometer gauge •			
Ditto ditto from 8th to 14th, average of fourteen previous years	...	...	0.41
Ditto ditto between the 1st January and the 14th current	...	...	0.05
Ditto ditto during the corresponding period of the past year	...	...	1.13

The 15th February 1868.

GOPEENATH SEN,
In charge of the Observatory.

Meteorological Report up to 7th February 1868.

STATIONS.	February.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
CALCUTTA.	1st	10	30.070	67	58	55	N	...	...	Clear.
		16	29.928	73	60	42	N N W	...	...	Ditto.
	2nd	10	30.070	63	59	55	N N E	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.923	75	62	41	N N E	...	...	Ditto.
	3rd	10	30.031	65	61	78	N E	...	...	Overcast.
		16	29.928	69	60	50	E by S	...	...	Covered. Cumulo strati.
	4th	10	30.070	69	61	60	N	...	...	Cirrocumuli round the horizon.
		16	29.951	73	63	51	N W	...	...	Scattered cumuli.
	5th	10	30.037	68	60	60	N N W	...	...	Clear.
		16	29.948	73	60	42	N N W	...	...	Ditto.
	6th	10	30.080	68	59	55	N W	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.921	76	63	44	N	...	...	Ditto.
	7th	10	30.064	71	62	57	N	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.956	78	64	42	N	...	...	Ditto.
SAVOOR ISLAND.	1st	0-30	30.012	68	59	55	N	Moderate	...	Ditto.
		16	29.934	75	63	47	N by W	Light	...	Ditto.
	2nd	0-30	30.001	64	59	55	E	Moderate	...	Ditto.
		16	29.933	75	66	59	S W	Light	...	Ditto.
	3rd	0-30	29.979	60	61	89	N E	Light	...	Rainy.
		16	29.921	66	61	89	E	Light	...	Clouds from E., wet day.
	4th	0-30	30.007	66	63	83	N	Light	...	Clouds from N. to S.
		16	29.948	73	68	78	N W by N	Light	...	Scattered clouds.
	5th	0-30	30.061	67	61	69	N	Light	...	Clear.
		16	29.938	74	63	51	N	Light	...	Ditto.
	6th	0-30	30.028	68	64	70	N W by N	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.912	76	68	61	N W by N	Light	...	Ditto.
	7th	0-30	30.032	69	66	81	N	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.912	76	75	95	S W	Light	...	Ditto.
CHITTAGONG.	1st	0-30	29.910	69	64	74	N	Light	...	Hazy.
		16	29.814	73	68	76	S W	Light	...	Cloudy horizon.
	2nd	0-30	29.919	67	62	74	N	Light	...	Hazy.
		16	29.821	71	64	66	S W	Light	...	Cirrocumuli.
	3rd	0-30	29.922	66	63	83	N	Light	...	Cumulo strati.
		16	29.869	68	64	79	N E by N	Light	...	Overcast, threatening all day, a few drops of rain at 12.
	4th	0-30	29.916	65	62	83	W by N	Light	...	Cumuli.
		16	29.826	69	64	71	W	Light	...	Cirrocumuli.
	5th	0-30	29.911	67	61	79	S by E	Light	...	Hazy, scattered cumuli.
		16	29.816	70	61	70	S W	Light	...	Clear.
	6th	0-30	29.903	65	60	73	N	Light	...	Hazy.
		16	29.826	69	63	70	W S W	Light	...	Ditto.
	7th	0-30	29.919	67	61	79	N by W	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.850	71	67	80	W by S	Light	...	Ditto.
AKYAB.	1st	0-30	29.971	73	69	80	N	Moderate	...	Fine and pleasant.
		16	29.805	79	70	61	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	2nd	0-30	29.989	70	68	89	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.876	75	66	59	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	3rd	0-30	29.974	68	65	84	N E	Light	...	Fine.
		16	29.883	76	69	68	W S W	Light	...	Cirrocumuli.
	4th	0-30	29.986	71	66	75	E	Light	...	Horizon cloudy from East to South.
		16	29.940	76	69	68	W	Light	...	Cloudy overhead.
	5th	0-30	29.939	70	65	75	N E	Light	...	Fine.
		16	29.893	75	66	59	W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	6th	0-30	29.937	67	64	84	E	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.883	70	67	60	W N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	7th	0-30	29.911	68	66	89	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.927	78	70	65	W	Light	...	Ditto.
CUTTACK.	1st	0-30	30.083	70	64	70	E	Light	...	Covered with cirrocumuli and cirri since morning and cloudy.
		16	29.971	75	67	63	E S E	Light	...	Cirrocumuli and cirrostrati.
	2nd	0-30	30.063	73	65	62	E N E	Moderate	...	Cumuli and cirri round horizon, unsteady wind.
		16	29.915	77	67	56	E S E	Moderate	...	Cirrostrati cirrocumuli, squally from E. and cloudy.
	3rd	0-30	30.023	72	70	50	E by N	Light	...	Rain at 4.30 A. M., not measurable. Distant Thunder in S. W. cirrocumuli and nimbi since morning.
		16	29.907	77	71	73	E by N	Light	...	Cumulo strati. Cirrostrati and cirri.
	4th	0-30	30.086	71	65	70	N by W	Light	...	Scattered cirri and cumuli.
		16	29.983	77	63	79	N N W	Moderate	...	Cirrostrati, cirrocumuli. Unsteady wind.
	5th	0-30	30.138	69	59	51	E by N	Moderate	...	Unsteady wind, clear.
		16	30.012	73	61	43	E by S	Light	...	Thin cirri to S. E. and N. W. horizon.
	6th	0-30	30.113	70	62	61	E by S	Light	...	Fine clear sky.
		16	29.982	75	64	51	E	Light	...	Fine cloudless sky.
	7th	0-30	30.080	71	66	75	E by S	Light	...	Scattered cirri and cumuli to S. W. and N. W. horizon.
		16	29.995	71	68	85	S by E	Light	...	Unsteady wind; cirri and cumuli.

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MADRAS.			Inches.	°	°				Inches.	
	1st	10	30.002	82	75	70	E N E	5*	...	Passing clouds.
		16	29.881	82	74	68	N E	12*	...	Fine.
	2nd	10	29.977	81	73	66	E S E	7*	...	Passing clouds.
		16	29.871	81	74	70	S E	8*	...	Fine.
	3rd	10	29.988	82	75	70	S S W	10*	...	Fine with passing clouds.
		16	29.841	81	76	78	S E	14*	...	Fine.
	4th	10	30.005	83	77	68	S W	10*	...	Passing clouds.
		16	29.885	83	77	73	S E by E	5*	0.03	Fine.
	5th	10	30.008	82	75	70	S E	3*	...	Passing clouds.
		16	29.884	83	76	71	E	11*	...	Fine with light clouds.
	6th	10	30.009	82	73	63	E S E	9*	...	Passing clouds.
		16	29.882	82	75	70	E by S	12*	...	Fine with light clouds.
	7th	10	30.023	81	72	62	E by S	7*	...	Passing clouds.
		16	29.923	81	73	68	E	10*	...	Fine with light clouds.
BENARYS.	1st	10	29.845	69	58	77	W	Light	...	Cirri Strati.
		16	29.743	69	58	47	W	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	2nd	10	29.810	67	54	55	E	Moderate	...	Cumuli, strati, cirrostrati.
		16	29.715	70	60	52	N E	...	...	Cumulostrati, strati.
	3rd	10	29.812	63	58	72	N W	...	...	Cumuli, cumulostrati, strati.
		16	29.733	68	69	55	N W	...	...	Cumuli, cirrocumuli.
	4th	10	29.843	64	60	78	W	...	...
		16	29.777	71	68	40	W	Light	...	Strati.
	5th	10	29.860	66	57	54	W	...	...
		16	29.728	71	60	39	W	...	...	Strati.
	6th	10	29.894	68	54	51	S E	...	...	Cirri.
		16	29.674	76	62	41	N E	Light	...	Strati.
	7th	10	29.760	68	63	74	S E	...	...	Cumuli, strati.
		16	29.712	69	61	71	W	Light	...	Cumuli.
Dacca.	1st	9-30	29.903	72	60	71	N	...	...	Light wind.
		16	29.951	69	64	74	N N W	...	...	Ditto.
	2nd	9-30	29.971	69	67	81	N	...	...	Calm and clear.
		16	29.972	69	60	56	N N W	...	...	Light wind.
	3rd	9-30	29.907	67	60	61	N N E	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.864	68	60	60	N N W.	...	...	Calm; very cloudy.
	4th	9-30	29.977	67	61	69	N N W	...	...	Calm.
		16	29.884	68	62	69	N N W	...	...	Light wind.
	5th	9-30	30.077	67	61	69	N	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.854	68	62	69	N N W	...	...	Ditto.
	6th	9-30	29.907	67	62	71	N	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.832	69	62	65	W	...	...	Light wind; clear.
	7th	9-30	29.974	68	63	74	N N W	...	...	Ditto ditto.
		16	29.803	71	65	70	N W	...	...	Ditto; partially cloudy.
ROORKEE.	1st	9-30	29.060	56	53	80	Calm	...	...	Cloudy day.
		16	29.090	63	51	51	N W	...	...	Cloudy morning, slight
	2nd	9-30	29.084	61	55	65	S E	...	...	thunder storm at 15 hours;
		16	29.027	59	51	70	N W	...	...	rain between 15-45 and 16
	3rd	9-30	29.150	60	52	51	W	...	0.07	hours and between 18 and
		16	29.090	66	55	45	N W	...	...	23 hours.
	4th	9-30	29.180	60	54	65	Calm	...	...	Clear bright morning, snowy
		16	29.076	67	56	45	N W	...	...	range seen with extreme
	5th	9-30	29.110	61	56	71	Calm	...	...	clearness.
		16	29.017	66	56	49	N W	...	...	Dense fog all the morning
	6th	9-30	29.065	59	56	81	N E	...	...	but clearing away at 8-30
		16	28.944	61	57	73	N E	...	...	hours.
	7th	9-30	29.079	59	55	76	N E	...	0.10	Clouds gathering from 12 on
		16	29.012	68	58	51	S W	...	2.04	to 18; rain at 18-30 in Gng
DARJEELING.	1st	9-30	23.103	40	39	91	S E	Light	0.3	till between 22 and 23
		16	23.163	42	40	82	...	...	...	hours.
	2nd	9-30	23.154	40	38	82	N E	Light	...	Cloudy all day; heavy rain
		16	23.185	42	38	66	W N W	Light	...	from 16 lasting till 7 next
	3rd	9-30	23.255	39	37	81	E S E	Light	...	morning.
		16	23.192	34	33	89	S W by W	Light	...	Rain from last night con-
	4th	9-30	P	36	32	61	E	Light	0.05	tinued till 7 hours, clouds
		16	P	40	42	69	S S E	Light	...	clearing away after that.
	5th	9-30	23.250	36	36	100	W S W	Light	...	Clear. A pretty good fall of
		16	23.192	47	43	60	E S E	Light	...	snow and hail between 10
	6th	9-30	23.273	40	39	91	E	Light	...	and 19 hours last evening.
		16	23.104	47	43	60	W S W	Light	...	Calm, cirr. cumul.
	7th	9-30	23.297	42	41	91	E by S	Light	...	Scattered cumuli.
		16	23.250	43	45	77	W	Light	...	Ditto.

STATION.	February.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
			Inches.	⊖	⊖				Inches.	
PATNA.	1st	9-30	29.707	68	58	63	W N W	...	...	Pleasant.
		3-30	29.640	69	61	60	W N W	...	...
	2nd	9-30	29.828	67	60	64	N W	...	...	Rain gathering.
		3-30	29.727	72	62	53	W S W	...	...
	3rd	9-30	29.812	61	58	82	S S E	...	...	Desultory rain. Thunder
		3-30	29.713	61	59	88	N W	...	...	clap evening.
	4th	9-30	29.853	63	58	72	N W	...	...	Heavy fog clearing off at 8
		3-30	29.728	78	65	46	W N W	...	...	A. M.
	5th	9-30	29.847	66	59	63	S W	...	...	Fine day.
		3-30	29.743	73	64	58	W S W	...	...
	6th	9-30	29.824	68	60	60	W S W	...	...	Ditto.
		3-30	29.690	73	62	50	S W	...	...
PAUSE POINT.	Jan.	9-30	29.951	73	69	80	N N E	...	...	Light winds and fine.
	26th	16	29.871	73	69	80	N N E	...	...	Ditto winds and overcast.
	27th	9-30	29.958	74	70	81	N N E	...	...	Ditto airs with small rain.
		16	29.804	72	70	90	S E	...	...	Ditto ditto.
	28th	9-30	29.901	73	70	85	E	...	...	Light winds and fine.
		16	29.819	74	72	90	S E	...	...	Ditto weather and cloudy.
	29th	9-30	29.981	73	70	85	N E	...	...	Fresh breezes and fine.
		16	29.911	73	70	85	E	...	...	Moderate breezes and fine.
	30th	9-30	29.978	74	72	90	N E	...	...	Light weather.
		16	29.886	75	73	90	N E	...	...	Ditto weather.
	31st	9-30	30.011	73	68	76	N N E	...	...	Ditto winds and cloudy, with small rain.
		10	29.908	74	69	78	E S E	...	...	Ditto winds and fine.
Feb.	1st	9-30	29.976	71	68	85	N E	...	...	Strong breezes and fine.
		16	29.868	74	71	85	E	...	...	Moderate breezes and cloudy.

BENGAL SECRETARIAT, }
The 15th February 1868. }

HENRY F. BLANFORD,
Meteorological Reporter to Govt. of Bengal.



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The License Tax.

Statement of amount collected under Act XXI. of 1867 in the Lower Provinces.

	PRESIDENCY.						MOFUSSIL.						Total.					
	Before reported.	FOR THE WEEK ENDING,				Reported to close of Nov. 1867.	In Dec. 1867.											
		1st February.		8th February.														
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.			
Collections	4,54,707	1	5	1,533	8	0	1,941	0	0	9,13,228	0	0	60,181	0	0	14,40,590	9	5
Deduct Refunds	27,799	5	7	2,194	0	0	2,115	0	0	51,140	0	0	21,660	0	0	1,04,908	5	7
Remaining	4,26,907	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,62,088	0	0	47,521	0	0	13,35,882	3	19
Deductions (at the Presi- dency by the Examiner of Claims) from salaries of servants under ... } Govt. of India ...	27,171	7	11	0	0	0	244	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,415	15	4
Govt. of Bengal..	24,545	15	2	0	0	0	120	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,675	8	4
Ditto at Mofussil Treasuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,272	0	0	1,370	0	0	71,642	0	0
Ditto at other local Offices	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,120	0	0
Ditto in Military Department, less refunds Rupees 2,028-5-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,251	10	8
Total	4,78,625	2	11	0	0	0	374	0	7	9,32,360	0	0	48,891	0	0	14,90,787		2

Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor-General's Office, Calcutta, from 15th to 21st February 1868.

MONTH.	Date.	Reduced Reading of Barometer at 10 A. M.	THERMOMETER.		Daily Range of the Temperature.	Mean Temperature for the day.	Mean Wet Bulb.	Computed Mean Dew-point.	Mean Degree of humidity for the day.	Prevailing Direction of Wind during the day.	Rain.	Max. Pressure of Wind.	GENERAL REMARKS.
			Highest Reading.	Lowest Reading.									
		Inches.	°	°	°	°	°	°			Inches.	lb.	
Feb.	15th	30.146	82.5	67.5	15.0	74.9	66.4	60.4	0.62	Variable.	...	...	Chiefly clear.
	16th	.142	81.4	65.5	15.9	73.2	62.8	54.1	.53	N N W & N	...	...	Clear.
	17th	.067	83.0	64.0	19.0	73.8	63.3	55.7	.57	Variable.	...	...	Clear.
	18th	.028	83.0	65.2	17.8	74.1	64.0	58.5	.60	N W & Variable.	...	...	Chiefly clear. Slightly foggy at 5 P. M.
	19th	.025	80.5	67.5	13.0	73.0	67.5	63.1	.72	W	...	...	Clear, Stratoni and cirrocumuli.
	20th	29.893	84.6	70.5	14.1	75.9	71.7	68.8	.79	S	...	...	Stratoni and cumuli.
	21st	.926	88.5	70.5	18.0	78.0	71.3	66.0	.69	S & Variable.	...	...	Chiefly clear.

The mean Temperature and the mean Wet Bulb are derived from the twenty-four hourly Observations made during the day.

The Dew-point is computed with the Greenwich constants. The figures in column ten represent the humidity of the air, the complete saturation of which being taken at unity. The receiver of the lower rain gauge is 1 foot 2 inches, and that of the Anemometer 70 feet 10 inches, above the level of the ground.

The extreme variation of Temperature during the past seven days	...	...	24.5
The Max. Temperature during the past seven days	...	...	88.5
The Max. Temperature during the corresponding period of the past year	...	...	88.4
The mean humidity during the past seven days	...	...	0.65
The mean humidity during the corresponding period of the past year	...	...	0.65
Inches.			
The total fall of rain from 15th to 21st...	{ by lower rain gauge	...	Nil.
	{ by Anemometer gauge	...	Nil.
Ditto ditto from 15th to 21st, average of fourteen previous years	...	...	0.00
Ditto ditto between the 1st January and the 21st current	...	...	0.05
Ditto ditto during the corresponding period of the past year	...	...	1.25

The 24th February 1868.

GOPEENAUTH SEN,
In charge of the Observatory.

Meteorological Report up to 14th February 1868.

STATIONS.	February.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
CALCUTTA.	8th	10	30.135	70	64	70	N	...	...	Scattered cumuli.
		16	30.010	77	66	53	N E	...	...	Scattered cirrocumuli.
	9th	10	30.155	70	65	75	N	...	...	Clear.
		16	30.011	73	66	49	N W	...	...	Scattered cumuli.
	10th	10	30.124	72	64	62	N N W	...	...	Ditto cirri.
		16	30.001	77	68	53	W	...	...	Ditto cumuli.
	11th	10	30.108	73	69	80	S W	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.959	70	68	54	W by N	...	...	Ditto.
	12th	10	30.068	70	67	81	W	...	...	Overcast.
		16	29.942	81	69	51	W N W	...	...	Scattered cumuli.
	13th	10	30.001	77	72	77	S W	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.890	84	74	60	S	...	...	Ditto.
	14th	10	30.083	77	73	81	N N E	...	...	Covered with cirrocumuli and strati.
		16	29.954	84	73	59	N N W	...	...	Scattered cumuli.
SAGOR ISLAND.	8th	9-30	30.084	72	67	75	N E	Moderate	...	Hazy.
		16	29.989	77	71	73	S W	...	...	Clear.
	9th	9-30	30.116	71	68	85	N by E	Moderate	...	Light clouds.
		16	30.004	79	73	73	S W by W	Light	...	Clear.
	10th	9-30	30.030	71	64	66	S E by E	Light	...	Scattered clouds.
		16	30.002	76	68	64	S S W	Light	...	Clear.
	11th	9-30	30.083	72	70	90	Calm	Light	...	Clouds to S.
		16	29.967	77	73	81	S W by S	Light	...	Clear.
	12th	9-30	30.028	74	73	95	N W by W	Light	...	Hazy.
		16	29.926	78	74	81	S	...	...	Clear.
	13th	9-30	29.973	76	74	90	N W by W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
		16	29.895	78	75	86	S	Moderate	...	Partial cloudy.
	14th	9-30	30.030	77	76	95	N W by W	Light	...	Scattered light clouds.
		16	29.952	79	75	82	S W by S	Light	...	Clear.
CHITTAGONG.	8th	9-30	29.979	67	63	70	N	Light	...	Hazy.
		16	29.878	73	69	80	S W	Light	...	Ditto.
	9th	9-30	29.904	68	67	94	S S E	Light	...	Foggy morning.
		16	29.921	73	69	80	S W by W	Light	...	Hazy, cumuli towards N.
	10th	9-30	29.994	69	66	84	N by E	Light	...	Hazy.
		16	29.911	73	68	76	S W	Light	...	Heavy towards E.
	11th	9-30	29.974	69	65	79	S W	Light	...	Hazy.
		16	29.878	73	67	71	S W	Light	...	Ditto.
	12th	9-30	29.954	69	66	84	S W	Light	...	Foggy.
		16	29.866	74	68	72	S W by W	Light	...	Hazy.
	13th	9-30	29.902	69	67	89	S S E	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.836	74	69	78	S W	Light	...	Cumulostrati, threatening towards W. and N. W.
	14th	9-30	29.966	69	67	89	S S E	Light	...	Cirrocumuli.
		16	29.896	75	72	85	S W	Light	...	Nimbus; very stormy appearance towards N. W. S. S. W. and N. E., cirrostrati towards S. and S. W.
AKYAB.	8th	9-30	30.038	70	67	84	N E	Light	...	Fine.
		16	29.970	76	70	72	N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	9th	9-30	30.058	70	68	89	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.967	78	73	77	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	10th	9-30	30.063	73	67	75	N	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.937	78	73	77	W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	11th	9-30	30.036	71	66	75	N W	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.920	77	72	77	N W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	12th	9-30	30.041	69	66	84	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.888	78	72	78	N W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	13th	9-30	29.976	71	67	80	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.860	81	75	74	N W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	14th	9-30	30.040	73	69	80	N E	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.949	81	73	68	W	Light	...	Ditto.
COPTAGE.	8th	9-30	30.142	72	68	80	S by E	Light	...	Overcast with cirri.
		16	30.032	78	68	57	N by W	Light	...	Cumulostrati, cirri and cloudy.
	9th	9-30	30.167	75	70	76	N W by W	Light	...	Very foggy from 5 to 7 A. M., cirrostrati and calm day.
		16	30.057	79	68	54	N E by E	Light	...	Scattered cirri and cirrostrati.
	10th	9-30	30.170	73	69	80	S S E	Light	...	Cirrostrati, cirri, and overcast.
		16	30.047	79	67	50	W by N	Light	...	Thin cirri and Cirrostrati to S. E. horizon.
	11th	9-30	30.145	71	68	85	W by N	Light	...	Heavy fog this morning, scattered cirri, partially overcast.
		16	30.017	80	68	51	S W by S	Light	...	Thin cirri to S. E. and N. E. horizon.
	12th	9-30	30.110	74	71	85	S S W	Light	...	Clear sky and fine day.
		16	29.965	80	71	62	+	Moderate	...	Cirri and cumulostrati.
	13th	9-30	30.045	77	72	77	S W by S	Moderate	...	Cirri and cirrostrati
		16	29.915	80	73	70	N W by W	Moderate	...	Distant thunder in W. at 2-50 P. M. Rainbow, nimbi cumulostrati, lightning and thundering to S. E. cirrostrati to N. E. and N. W. with drizzling rain.
	14th	9-30	30.105	76	73	86	N by W	Light	...	Very foggy morning covered with strati and calm.
		16	29.979	83	73	60	E	Light	...	Distant thunder in W., cumulostrati cirrostrati, nimbi with few drops of rain and calm.

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				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
MADRAS.	8th	10	30.082	83	74	68	E by S	6*	...	Fine.
		16	29.970	82	70	52	E	7*	...	Ditto.
	9th	10	30.122	80	70	58	S W	8*	...	Ditto.
		16	29.094	80	71	62	E N E	10*	...	Fine with light clouds.
	10th	10	30.119	81	71	59	N E	6*	...	Fine.
		16	29.099	81	72	62	N E by E	10*	...	Fine with passing clouds.
	11th	10	30.096	82	72	59	S W	4*	...	Fine.
		16	29.967	81	72	62	E	8*	...	Passing clouds.
	12th	10	30.067	83	73	60	E S E	6*	...	Fine with light clouds.
		16	29.039	81	71	59	E	9*	...	Ditto ditto.
	13th	10	30.040	82	71	55	S E	7*	...	Clear.
		16	29.943	82	73	63	S E by E	8*	...	Fine.
	14th	10	30.049	80	72	60	S E	5*	...	Clear.
		16	29.959	82	73	63	E S E	7*	...	
BOMBAY.	8th	10	29.932	60	57	82	W	Light	...	Cumuli, strati.
		16	29.814	69	60	56	N W	...	...	Cumuli.
	9th	10	29.987	68	61	73	S W	Moderate.	...	Ditto.
		16	29.861	74	63	51	S W	Light	...	Strati.
	10th	10	29.909	69	61	69	W	Light	...	Cumulostrati.
		16	29.799	76	63	44	N W	...	...	Strati.
	11th	10	29.882	...	...	...	W	...	...	Nimbi, cumulostrati.
		16	29.772	...	...	...	S W	...	...	Cumuli
	12th	10	29.803	...	...	...	W	...	...
		16	29.753	...	...	...	W	...	...
	13th	10	29.773	...	...	...	W	Light.	...	Cirri Strati.
		16	29.693	...	...	...	N W	Light	...	Strati.
	14th	10	29.900	...	...	...	W	...	...	Cumuli.
		16	29.893	...	...	...	W	...	...
ROOPEE.	8th	9-30	29.239	63	57	67	Calm	...	...	Sky partially clear and cloudy.
		16	29.145	69	61	60	N W	...	...	Foggy and cloudy.
	9th	9-30	29.232	60	58	88	Calm	...	...	Cloudy morning; rain in light shower in the afternoon and evening.
		16	29.143	69	60	58	N W	...	...	Rain in a very light shower in the early morning, and again in the evening at 8.30.
	10th	9-30	29.168	61	58	82	N W	...	...
		16	29.064	70	60	52	S	...	...
	11th	9-30	29.161	60	58	89	S	...	...
		16	29.101	65	61	78	Calm	...	...
	12th	9-30	29.123	69	59	51	N E	...	0.20	
		16	29.082	74	62	47	S W	...	...
	13th	9-30	29.185	63	57	67	S W	...	...
		16	29.121	60	55	45	S W	...	...
	14th	9-30	29.152	61	55	65	W	...	...	Bright clear day. Heavy dew at night.
		16	29.126	70	58	44	W	...	...
DARJEELING.	8th	9-30	23.342	39	38	90	Calm	...	0.2	Dense mist.
		16	23.282	41	41	100	S E by E	Light	...	Ditto.
	9th	9-30	23.370	39	38	90	W by S	Light	...	Misty.
		16	23.276	43	42	91	W by N	Light	...	Dense mist.
	10th	9-30	23.300	42	41	91	W by N	Light	...	Misty.
		16	23.248	44	43	91	W N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	11th	9-30	23.320	42	42	100	E S E	Light	0.05	Dense mist.
		16	23.248	44	44	100	N W	Light	...	Misty.
	12th	9-30	23.300	43	42	91	E by S	Light	...	Scattered cumuli.
		16	23.203	47	45	84	W N W	Moderate	...	Ditto ditto.
	13th	9-30	23.202	43	41	83	S	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
		16	23.172	48	45	77	S W	Moderate	...	Ditto ditto.
	14th	9-30	23.161	45	43	84	S W	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
		16	23.252	47	45	81	W	Moderate	...	Misty.
DACC.	8th	9-30	30.040	66	63	83	E N E	Light	...	Drizzling, cloudy.
		16	29.949	70	64	70	S S W	Light	...	Scattered clouds.
	9th	9-30	30.061	69	66	84	E S E	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
		16	29.933	72	66	71	W	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	10th	9-30	30.021	69	65	79	N	Light	...	Clear.
		16	29.936	71	64	66	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	11th	9-30	30.016	71	64	66	N N W	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.901	73	65	62	W N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	12th	9-30	29.983	72	65	66	W N W	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.866	75	68	59	W	Light	...	Partially cloudy.
	13th	9-30	29.921	73	67	71	S S W	Light	...	Ditto.
		16	29.846	75	70	76	S S W	Light	...	Ditto.
	14th	9-30	29.998	74	72	88	S W	Light	...	Cloudy.
		16	29.893	75	69	72	S	Light	...	Partially cloudy. Light fall of rain at 12-40, not measurable.
PATNA.	7th	6-30	29.831	60	57	82	W	...	...	Strati and wintry. Thunder and lightning last night.
		3-30	29.690	72	65	66	S E	...	...	Mild.
	8th	9-30	29.896	60	59	94	N N E	...	...	A fine day.
		3-30	29.896	70	64	70	N E	...	...	Ditto.
	9th	9-30	29.972	67	62	74	N N E	...	...	Ditto.
		3-30	29.837	73	64	58	N E	...	...	Ditto.
	10th	9-30	29.932	70	63	65	N N E	...	...	Ditto.
		3-30	29.763	78	64	58	N W	...	...	Ditto.
	11th	9-30	29.884	73	64	58	S W	...	...	Ditto.
		3-30	29.739	73	65	62	N W	...	...	Day broke fair, rain after.
	12th	9-30	29.846	81	59	88	W	...	...	A. M.
		3-30	29.741	70	64	70	N W	Fine and clear, and warm.
	13th	9-30	29.751	70	64	70	W	
		8-30	29.656	78	64	42	W N W	

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				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
FAIR POINT.			Inches.	⊖	⊖				Inches.	
	2nd	9-30	29.971	73	70	68	E	...	0.05	Light weather and rain.
		16	29.861	73	69	60	S E by E	...	...	Moderate breezes.
	3rd	9-30	29.881	73	70	68	.....	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.819	70	69	91	E N E	...	...	Ditto. Heavy thunder in the N. N. W. and overcast at 11 hours.
	4th	9-30	29.906	71	67	80	N E	...	1.3	Strong breezes and fine.
		16	29.879	70	67	84	E	...	...	Moderate breezes.
	5th	9-30	30.002	66	63	69	N E	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.909	70	68	69	E S E	...	...	Light winds and fine.
	6th	9-30	30.003	72	64	62	E	...	...	Ditto weather.
		16	29.904	72	66	71	S E	...	...	Ditto ditto.
	7th	9-30	29.989	70	66	79	Calm	...	...	Ditto ditto.
		16	29.914	72	68	80	S E	...	...	Ditto winds and fine.
	8th	9-30	30.028	74	69	76	Calm	Overcast.
		16	29.946	75	73	85	E	Light winds and cloudy

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The 22nd February 1868. }

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Meteorological Reporter to Govt. of Bengal.



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Report on the Cultivation of Cinchona at Darjeeling, during the month of November 1867.

From T. ANDERSON, Esq., M. D., Superintendent, Botanical Gardens, and in charge of Cinchona Cultivation in Bengal, to the Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—(No. 120, dated Botanical Gardens, the 18th February 1868.)

I HAVE the honor to forward the Report on the cultivation of Cinchona at Darjeeling, during the month of November 1867.

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The work performed during the month consisted of hoeing and weeding the open air plantations, top dressing the nursery beds, and cutting jungle on the land selected for the extension of the open air plantations during the planting season of 1868. The repair of the roads and bridges of the plantations was commenced about the beginning of the month: 1,898 plants of *C. Calisaya* were added to the stock plants of that species: 77,100 plants of *C. Succirubra*, *C. Officinatis*, and *C. Micrantha* were planted in open air nursery beds.

The increase by cuttings and seedlings during the month amounted to 52,120, of which number 25,000 were seedlings, about 2 inches in height.

The weather during the month was dry and clear with cold still nights. Showers of rain occurred on 9 days, but only 0.65 of an inch of rain were recorded.

Table showing the temperature of the month at the different plantations.

PLANTATIONS.	Mean Maximum.	Mean Minimum.	Mean Temperature.	REMARKS.
1st Plantation ...	58.6	46.8	52.7	
2nd Ditto ...	60.26	47.22	53.74	
3rd Ditto ...	69.9	48.1	59.0	
4th Ditto ...	79.25	52.83	66.06	

Table showing the maximum and minimum growth during the month of September 1867.

NAMES OF SPECIES.	TEESTA.		RUNGEE.		
	First Plantation.	Second Plantation.	Third Plantation.	Fourth Plantation.	Fifth Plantation.
C. Succirubra ..	1½ to 3½ ins.	1 to 2½ ins.	Not measured.	½ to 4½ ins.	½ to 4½ inches.
C. Micrantha ..	1½ to 5½ „	½ to 7½ „	Ditto.	½ to 1½ „	4½ „
C. Officinalis ..	Not measured.	Not measured.	½ to 2½ inches.	½ to 3½ „	½ to 4 „
C. Pahudiana ..	Ditto.	Ditto.	Not measured.	½ „	2 to 6 „

Number and Distribution of Cinchona Plants in the Government Plantations at Rungbee on the 1st December 1867.

NAMES OF SPECIES OF CINCHONA.	Number in permanent Plantations.	Number of stock plants for propagation.	Number of seedlings or rooted cuttings in Nursery Beds for permanent Plantations.	Number of rooted plants in Cutting Beds.	Number of cuttings made during the month.	Total number of plants, cuttings, and seedlings.
C. Succirubra	2,50,828	20,000	1,84,210	*1,91,799	27,120	6,73,957
C. Calisaya	150	4,158	None.	4,946	None.	9,254
C. Micrantha	5,558	1,000	8,220	15,889	None.	30,667
C. Officinalis and Varieties ..	1,30,919	10,000	2,40,476	†2,70,013	None.	6,51,408
C. Pahudiann	5,092	None.	None.	None.	None.	5,092
Total	3,92,547	35,158	4,32,906	4,82,647	27,120	13,70,378

J. GAMMIE,
Head Gardener in Charge.

* 3,500 Seedlings have been added.
† 21,500 Ditto ditto.

Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor-General's Office, Calcutta, from 22nd to 29th February 1868.

MONTH.	Date.	Reduced Reading of Barometer at 10 A. M.	THERMOMETER.		Daily Range of the Temperature.	Mean Temperature for the day.	Mean Wet Bulb.	Computed Mean Dew-point.	Mean Degree of humidity for the day.	Prevailing Direction of Wind during the day.	Rain.	Daily Velocity of Wind.		GENERAL REMARKS.
			Highest Reading.	Lowest Reading.								Inches.	Miles.	
Feb.	22nd	30.000	87.0	73.0	14.0	79.0	71.2	65.3	0.63	N & Variable.	...	72.7		Clear and clouds of different kinds.
	23rd	29.918	86.7	71.5	15.2	76.7	71.9	68.5	77		...	98.4		Scattered clouds and overcast. High wind at 6 p.m. Thunder and lightning from 4 to 11 p.m. Drizzled at 5, 8, 9, and 11 p.m.
	24th	772	82.5	71.6	10.9	76.8	72.9	70.2	81	Variable.	0.18	186.2		Scattered clouds. Thunder at Midnight. Lightning at 1 A. M. Rain with hail between Midnight and 1 A. M.
	25th	930	82.0	69.0	13.6	75.4	67.4	61.8	64	N	...	19.5		Clear.
	26th	30.013	80.0	68.0	12.0	73.1	62.4	53.8	53	N	...	72.5		Clear.
	27th	005	80.7	62.6	18.1	71.2	60.6	51.9	53	N & N W	...	55.0		Clear.
	28th	23.913	83.7	61.5	22.2	72.3	61.8	53.4	54	Variable & N W	...	57.0		Clear.
	29th	892	82.8	64.5	18.3	72.6	63.3	55.9	58	N	...	54.1		Clear.

The mean Temperature and the mean Wet Bulb are derived from the twenty-four hourly Observations made during the day.

The Dew-point is computed with the Greenwich constants. The figures in column ten represent the humidity of the air, the complete saturation of which being taken at unity. The receiver of the lower rain gauge is 1 foot 2 inches, and that of the Anemometer 70 feet 10 inches, above the level of the ground. The velocity of wind as indicated by Robinson's Anemometer is Registered from noon to noon.

The extreme variation of Temperature during the past eight days			...	...	25.5
The Max. Temperature during the past eight days			...	...	87.0
The Max. Temperature during the corresponding period of the past year			...	...	88.6
The mean humidity during the past eight days			...	...	0.63
The mean humidity during the corresponding period of the past year			...	...	0.61
					Inches.
The total fall of rain from 22nd to 29th...			{ by lower rain gauge	...	0.18
			{ by Anemometer gauge	...	0.18
Ditto	ditto	from 22nd to 29th, average of fourteen previous years	...	...	0.15
Ditto	ditto	between the 1st January and the 29th ultimo	...	...	0.28
Ditto	ditto	during the corresponding period of the past year	...	...	1.37

* Fell from 5 p. m. of the 23rd to 1 A. M. of the 24th.

The 3rd March 1868.

GOVERNMENT SEN,
In charge of the Observatory.

Meteorological Report up to 21st February 1868.

STATIONS.	February.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
CALCUTTA.										
	16th	10	30.146	76	64	49	N by E	...	...	Clear.
		18	30.022	82	63	45	N W	...	...	Ditto.
	16th	10	30.112	77	63	41	N	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.997	81	63	31	N N W	...	...	Ditto.
	17th	10	30.007	74	61	51	N W	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.926	83	65	33	W N W	...	...	Ditto.
	18th	10	30.024	79	66	47	N N E	...	...	Ditto.
		16	29.894	83	66	36	N W	...	...	Cirri.
	19th	10	30.025	75	71	81	W	...	...	Cirrocumuli.
		18	29.854	81	68	48	W by S	...	...	Scattered cirrocumuli.
	20th	10	29.843	80	74	74	S	...	...	Cirrocumuli.
		18	29.744	80	75	78	S	...	...	Cumuli.
	21st	10	29.925	79	74	77	S by W	...	...	Clear.
		16	29.830	87	72	45	W	...	...	Scattered cumuli.
BAUGOR ISLAND.										
	15th	9-30	30.073	78	74	90	N	Moderate	...	Ditto Clouds.
		18	29.994	83	73	60	N	Light	...	Clear.
	16th	9-30	30.107	75	68	68	N by E	Light	...	Ditto.
		18	29.964	83	70	49	N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	17th	9-30	30.049	74	71	85	N by W	Light	...	Ditto.
		18	29.919	81	71	59	S W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	18th	9-30	29.977	75	72	85	N	Light	...	Ditto.
		18	29.872	79	73	73	S	Moderate	...	Ditto.
	19th	9-30	29.978	78	76	91	N W by W	Moderate	...	Ditto.
		16	29.820	80	75	78	S	Light	...	Scattered clouds.
	20th	9-30	29.866	79	75	82	S W	Strong	...	Clear.
		18	29.634	79	76	86	S W	Strong	...	Partially cloudy. Drizzling.
	21st	9-30	29.888	74	77	95	N W	Light	...	Light scattered clouds.
		18	29.818	81	78	83	S	Light	...	Clear.
CHITTAGONG.										
	15th	9-30	29.993	73	70	85	S	Light	...	Foggy morning, cumuli towards S. W., W., N. W.
		18	29.910	77	75	90	S W	Light	...	Masses of cumuli towards N. N. E. and E.
	16th	9-30	30.011	74	69	76	N E	Light	...	Misty horizon.
		18	29.880	77	70	68	S W	Moderate	...	Ditto ditto.
	17th	9-30	29.939	71	64	68	N E	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
		16	29.836	75	67	63	S W	Light	...	Ditto ditto.
	18th	9-30	29.919	71	68	85	S W	Light	...	Clear cumuli towards S.
		18	29.864	75	69	72	S W	Light	...	Misty horizon.
	19th	9-30	29.889	71	68	85	S E by E	Light	...	Cirrocumuli.
		18	29.775	75	72	85	S	Light	...	Threatening, cirrocumuli and cumuli changing wind
	20th	9-30	29.854	72	70	90	S E	Light	...	Cumuli, threatening, changing wind.
		16	29.779	74	73	95	S by E	Light	...	Cumulostrati, drizzling.
	21st	9-30	29.854	72	70	91	S S E	Light	1.0	Cumuli, changing wind, heavy rain with lightning last night and this morning
		18	29.811	76	73	66	S by E	Moderate	...	Cumuli, changing wind.
AYYER.										
	15th	9-30	30.088	74	70	81	E	Moderate	...	Fine.
		16	29.959	80	71	74	W	Light	...	
	16th	9-30	30.069	77	71	73	N	Light	...	
		16	29.907	82	75	70	W	Light	...	
	17th	9-30	30.005	75	66	79	N E	Light	...	
		16	29.892	79	75	82	E	Moderate	...	
	18th	9-30	29.906	71	66	75	E	Light	...	
		18	29.882	70	74	77	W	Light	...	
	19th	9-30	29.973	72	68	80	N E	Light	...	
		18	29.862	80	74	74	N W	Moderate	...	
	20th	9-30	29.963	72	70	90	E	Light	...	
		18	29.802	79	72	69	W	Light	...	
	21st	9-30	29.905	75	72	85	E	Light	...	Horizon cloudy from N. to W.
		16	29.915	79	73	73	S	Light	...	Cirrocumuli.
CUTTACK.										
	15th	9-30	30.164	76	73	86	S E by E	Light	...	Covered with strati. and calms.
		18	30.051	82	73	63	E	Light	...	Cirri, cirrostrati and calms.
	16th	9-30	30.172	74	72	73	E N E	Light	...	Cumulostrati.
		16	30.030	82	79	87	W by N	Light	...	Scattered cirri and cirrostrati.
	17th	9-30	30.117	75	70	76	W by N	Light	...	Fine forenoon.
		18	29.990	81	65	38	W by N	Light	...	Fine clear evening.
	18th	9-30	30.082	74	66	63	S by W	Light	...	Clear sky and hazy.
		18	29.936	85	66	32	N by W	Light	...	Thin cirri, sultry and calm.
	19th	9-30	30.048	78	76	72	E	Light	...	Clear.
		18	29.907	83	70	49	E	Moderate	...	Cirrostrati to S. E.
	20th	9-30	29.977	79	73	73	S W by S	Moderate	...	Cirri to N. E. horizon, & hazy.
		18	29.820	83	75	67	S by E	Moderate	...	Cirri, cirrocumuli, and mist, unsteady wind.
	21st	9-30	29.997	79	70	61	S W by S	Light	...	Hazy, clear sky.
		18	29.880	85	70	44	S W by W	Light	...	Cirrostrati to S. E. horizon. Thin cirri and misty.
MADRAS.										
	15th	10	30.104	81	72	63	S	4*	...	Fine.
		18	29.993	82	73	63	E N E	8*	...	Clear.
	16th	10	30.122	82	71	65	E	5*	...	Fine with light clouds.
		16	29.979	83	74	63	E N E	8*	...	Fine.
	17th	10	30.073	82	74	68	N E	11*	...	Fine with light clouds.
		16	29.951	83	74	63	N E	11*	...	Clear.
	18th	10	30.068	82	74	66	E N E	5*	...	Passing clouds.
		16	29.925	82	75	70	E	8*	...	Fine with light clouds.
	19th	10	30.013	82	73	63	E S E	9*	...	Ditto ditto.
		18	29.881	82	75	74	E S E	8*	...	Clear.
	20th	10	30.009	81	73	62	S W by S	4*	...	Ditto.
		18	29.866	89	75	70	S E	9*	...	Ditto.
	21st	10	29.993	81	75	74	S	9*	...	Fine.
		18	29.878	81	76	78	S E	9*	...	Clear.

* Velocity in miles per hour.

STATION.	February.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 35°.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
				Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.		
DARJEELING.	15th	9-30	23.322	42	40	82	S E	Light	...	Cumuli round horizon, rest clear; slight hoar frost.
	16th	10	23.274	47	44	77	W	Light	...	Misty.
	16th	9-30	23.320	43	41	83	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	16th	16	23.265	45	44	92	Calm	...	...	Dense mist.
	17th	9-30	23.291	41	41	100	E by S	Light	0.04	Misty.
	17th	16	23.241	44	43	91	E S E	Light	0.01	Ditto.
	18th	9-30	23.309	45	44	91	E by S	Light	0.02	Ditto.
	18th	16	23.244	46	45	84	E S E	Light	0.19	Ditto.
	19th	9-30	23.234	49	39	91	E by S	Light	0.12	Ditto.
	19th	16	23.175	43	43	100	W	Light	0.03	Ditto.
	20th	9-30	23.181	41	41	100	W by N	Light	0.1	Ditto.
	20th	16	23.112	45	44	92	S W	Light	...	Ditto.
FARAKKA.	21st	9-30	23.149	41	40	91	W by N	Light	...	Ditto.
	21st	16	23.136	44	43	91	W N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	15th	10	29.914	...	...	...	W	Moderate	...	Strati.
	16th	10	29.843	...	...	...	W	...	...	...
	16th	10	29.834	...	...	...	S W	Moderate	...	...
	16th	10	29.774	...	...	...	W	Strong.	...	...
	17th	10	29.894	...	...	...	W	...	...	...
	18th	10	29.705	...	...	...	S W	...	...	Cumuli, strati.
	18th	10	29.788	...	...	...	S W	...	...	Cirrostrati.
	18th	16	29.778	...	...	...	S W	...	...	Cirri, strati.
	19th	10	29.748	...	...	...	S E	...	...	Cirrocumuli, cumuli.
	19th	16	29.636	...	...	...	E	...	...	Cumuli, cumulostrati.
ROCKHURST.	20th	10	29.67	...	...	...	N	...	...	Cirri, cumuli.
	21st	10	29.561	...	...	...	S W	...	...	Cirri, strati.
	21st	10	29.713	...	...	...	W	Light.	...	...
	21st	16	29.626	...	...	...	W	Light	...	Cumuli, strati.
	15th	9-30	29.219	63	58	72	N W	...	...	Bright, clear day.
	16th	9-30	29.179	73	60	42	N W	...	...	Brisk westerly wind at 10
	16th	16	29.176	63	68	72	W	...	...	dying down to calm at 16.
	17th	9-30	29.628	75	59	33	Calm	...	...	...
	17th	16	29.112	64	57	62	N E	...	...	...
	18th	9-30	29.016	75	60	36	N W	...	...	...
	18th	16	29.038	60	55	88	S W	...	...	Cloudy all day, light shower at 19-30 and later on much lightning towards the N. E. wind.
	19th	16	29.091	65	61	73	N E	...	...	Nimbi in sky but no rain fell till 21 hours.
Dacca.	20th	9-30	29.061	70	60	52	N E	...	...	Rain for half an hour in the early morning.
	20th	16	28.950	74	64	55	E	...	0.06	Cloudy all day.
	20th	9-30	28.992	66	59	63	S E	...	...	...
	20th	16	28.905	73	61	16	S W	...	...	...
	21st	9-30	29.017	64	59	77	Calm	...	...	...
	21st	16	28.989	63	60	56	S W	...	...	...
	15th	9-30	30.049	73	69	80	S	Light	...	Clear.
	16th	9-30	29.943	76	65	82	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	16th	16	30.070	73	62	50	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	17th	9-30	29.913	76	63	44	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	17th	16	29.876	71	65	70	W	Light	...	Ditto.
	18th	9-30	29.836	75	65	55	W	Light	...	Ditto.
FAIRFAX POINT.	18th	9-30	29.911	73	66	67	W N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	19th	9-30	29.826	75	65	55	W N W	Light	...	Ditto.
	19th	16	29.921	73	68	76	S E	Light	...	Partially cloudy.
	20th	9-30	29.774	74	67	67	W S W	Light	...	Clear.
	20th	16	29.854	72	70	80	S W	Light	...	Threatening.
	20th	16	29.719	74	72	90	S	Light	...	Occasional light showers during the day not measurable.
	21st	9-30	29.856	75	74	95	S W	Moderate	...	Threatening.
	21st	16	29.860	77	69	64	W	Light	...	Partially cloudy.
	9th	9-30	30.058	71	70	81	Calm	...	...	Overcast.
	10th	9-30	29.955	75	71	81	N E	...	...	Light winds and fine.
	10th	16	30.079	77	73	81	S E	...	...	Ditto ditto.
	11th	9-30	30.040	77	74	80	S	...	...	Strong breezes and fine.
PATNA.	11th	16	30.018	74	72	80	W	Light	...	Light weather.
	12th	9-30	29.910	77	74	86	S S W	...	...	Ditto.
	12th	16	30.000	77	74	80	W S W	...	...	Ditto.
	13th	9-30	29.888	78	74	81	S W	...	...	Ditto.
	13th	16	29.904	74	74	81	S W	...	...	Fresh breezes and fine.
	14th	9-30	29.840	77	74	86	S W	...	...	Ditto and overcast.
	14th	16	30.010	77	74	86	Variable	...	...	Light weather and overcast.
	15th	9-30	29.995	79	76	86	S S W	...	...	Ditto ditto.
	15th	16	30.021	80	77	86	S S E	...	...	Ditto ditto.
	15th	16	29.945	79	76	86	S E by E	...	...	Ditto ditto.
	14th	9-30	29.802	74	64	55	S W	...	...	Much warm.
	15th	9-30	29.758	77	61	60	N W	...	...	Ditto.
	16th	9-30	29.829	70	62	61	W N W	...	...	...
	16th	16	29.779	77	64	45	W	...	...	Again cold.
	17th	9-30	29.887	64	58	51	W	...	...	Ditto.
	17th	16	29.734	78	64	42	W	...	...	...
	18th	9-30	29.857	73	63	54	W N W	...	...	...
	18th	16	29.726	79	60	47	W N W	...	...	...
	19th	9-30	29.856	69	61	74	S W	...	...	Fine day.
	19th	16	29.671	77	65	49	N W	...	...	...
	20th	9-30	29.915	70	62	61	W	...	...	Cloudy.
	20th	16	29.825	78	64	42	N W	...	...	Ditto.
	20th	9-30	29.907	69	63	65	W	...	...	...
	20th	16	29.740	72	65	66	N W	...	...	...

Abstract of corrected Observations as received in the Meteorological Reporter's Office.
JANUARY 1868.

HOURS OF OBSERVATION 10 AND 16.

N. B.—The Barometric data are reduced for temperature, not for height, above sea level: Dew-point is calculated by Guyot's Tables.

STATIONS.	10 Hours.						16 Hours.						MEANS FOR THE MONTH.					Rain. Inch.		
	Max. Ther.	Date.	Min. Ther.	Max. Bar.	Date.	Min. Bar.	Max. Ther.	Date.	Min. Ther.	Max. Bar.	Date.	Min. Bar.	Barometer.	Dry.	Wet.	Dew-point.	Elastic force of Vapour.		Humidity.	
Calcutta	75°	28th	63°	30.198	15th	30.017	75°	29th	69°	31st	30.073	2nd	29.879	30.051	73°	63°	55	.445	55	0.06
Saugor Island	72°	28th	61°	30.123	15th	29.951	81°	28th	72°	31st	30.055	13th	29.833	30.019	73°	66°	61	.540	67	P
Chittagong	70°	29th	64°	30.048	20th	29.875	74°	29th	67°	10th	29.997	13th	29.775	29.919	69°	65°	62	.555	78	Nil.
Akyab	75°	31st	62°	30.106	13th	29.921	81°	29th	73°	4th	29.999	13th	29.842	29.967	74°	68°	65	.619	75	Nil.
Cuttack	74°	30th	67°	30.223	15th	30.047	75°	30th	74°	23rd	30.112	15th	29.889	30.078	73°	65°	60	.521	64	0.10
False Point	74°	30th	68°	30.123	2nd	29.901	75°	30th	71°	24th	30.023	2nd	29.819	29.977	72°	69°	66	.638	80	Nil.
Madras	83°	21st	73°	30.125	2nd	29.949	83°	31st	75°	24th	30.016	2nd	29.832	29.986	81°	73°	65°	.601	66	4.75
Dacca	*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Darjeeling	47°	17th	35°	23.439	15th	23.244	54°	29th	35°	31st	23.358	15th	23.176	23.293	45°	42°	37	.225	76	0.45
Benares	72°	5th	57°	30.037	15th	29.813	75°	24th	55°	1st	29.921	1st	29.703	29.859	66°	59°	52	.389	62	0.09
Roorkee	68°	12th	53°	29.322	20th	29.098	71°	26th	55°	27th	29.291	15th	29.016	29.152	62°	55°	47	.329	60	1.89

* Not published on account of the Observations received being erroneous.

BENGAL SECRETARIAT,
The 29th February 1867.

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